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Arafat sworn in as PNA president

JON IMMANUEL

YASSER Arafat swore himself in yesterday as president of the Palestinian National Authority, setting the stage for convening the 88-member Palestinian Council after Ramadan ends next

About 100 dignitaries and senior security officers attended the 10-minute ceremony in the council chamber, which is located in the renovated former IDF headquarters in Gaza City.

Arafat was greeted by a band playing "Biladi," the national

"Who would believe that the PLO, described as a terrorist organization by Israel, is now an authority and will become a state," said Mohammed Abu Sirdanan, head of the religious courts in the Palestinian Justice

Arafat swore on the Koran "to be faithful to my country and to keep the constitution and the interests of the Palestinian people, the security of their land and to achieve their hopes and aspirations, as God is my witness.

He made no speech, saying he had nothing to add to the words of Palestinian National Council acting chairman Salim Za'anoun, who said: "We are living this day for our Arab and Islamic nation, the triumph of Salah a-Din. We are returning to Palestine, and we are passing from the small jihad

to the great jihad."

Arafat has frequently interpreted the "great jihad" as the conquest of oneself, as opposed to the "small jihad," which is military conquest of the non-believer. Salah a-Din, a Kurd, defeated the crusaders, to whom Israel has been frequently compared by

Despite Arafat's mention of a constitution, the Palestinian Authority does not yet have one. A basic law, in its fourth draft, has yet to be approved by Arafat. It limits the president to two five-

One of Arafat's first tasks as president, formally known as rais in the Oalo 2 accord, will be to appoint a cabinet and prime minister. As president, according to the draft law, he "has the power to preside over their meetings."

Notably absent from the proceedings was Dr. Haidar Abdel-Shafi, a critic of the Arafat's authoritarian style, who is likely to (Continued on Page 2)



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Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu shake hands prior to their meeting yesterday at the Prime Minister's Office to discuss a date for elections. (AP)

Terrorism alert closes territories

CLOSURE was imposed on the territories last night under a high security alert, declared in anticipation of possible acts of vengeance for the killing of terrorist bomber Yihye Ayyash. The 40-day mourning period for Ayyash, known as "The Engineer," has just

The decision to seal off Jndea, Samaria, and the Gaza Stop followed intelligence information that Hainas is plan- next week.

Lebanon

subpoenas

90 SLA men

for treason

Two soldiers

killed in zone

DAVID RUDGE

LEBANESE authorities have is-

sued summouses against nearly 90 South Lebanese Army officers

and soldiers; Lebanese newspa-

pens reported yesterday.

The measures coincide with a marked intensification of Hizbul-

lah attacks on the SLA, including one yesterday in which two SLA soldiers were killed and another seriously wounded. The attack occurred near Tair Harfa, in the

western sector of the security

Hizbuliah said its gunmen had

detonated a roadside bomb

alongside an SLA patrol.

The two SLA soldiers killed in the attack were reported to have been Christians from the same

An SLA post in Rashaf in the

zone's western sector, which has

been a hotbed of Hizbullah activ-

ity lately, also came under fire yesterday. There were no reports :

Reports from Lebanon said there was a Sagger missile attack

on an IDF convoy near the Bean-

fort Castle, in the eastern sector

of the zone. There were no re-

The summonses issued against

the SLA soldiers, past and present, were for them to appear before a military tribunal in Bei-rut to answer charges of collabo-

rating with the Israeli enemy and

treason, the newspaper reports

Those named in the summonses

are all former Lebanese army offi-cers or soldiers who later joined

the SLA. They include Col. Akel

Ashem, considered by many to be

the deputy to SLA commander Gen. Antoine Lahad, and several

others who hold or held key posts.

The legal measures were seen

by many observers here as an in-

tensification of the psychological war being waged by Hizbullah and the Lebanese government against the SLA.

village inside the zone.

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ning a strike against an educational institution or public transportation in Israel. Senior security officials called on the public to be especially wary and to inform the authorities of anything suspicious.

The closure began last night at midnight and is to continue until further notice. It is expected to last at least until the beginning of

Under the terms of the closure, all entry of Palestinians to Israel is banned, except for certain bumanitarian cases, VIPs, and departures abroad. Similarly, Israelis are barred from entering autonomous* Palestinian areas. Cargoes may be transferred from Palestinian trucks to Israeli trucks at the Carni checkpoint in the Gaza Strip.

'Government freezes Har Homa project'

THE government has decided to freeze the controversial plan to build a new Jewish neighborhood at Har Homa in southeastern Jerusalem, according to sources close to the project.

· The sources said contractors who were supposed to begin work in the coming weeks on infrastructure at the site, between Ramat Rachel and Beit Sahur, were told the start-up date was postponed indefinitely.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres also recently told opponents of the project, which is slated to in-clude some 6,000 residential units, that at least for the meantime work would not go ahead. The government last year announced it was behind the plan.

Interior Minister Haim Ramon is committed to using his ministry - which must give final approval for construction - to hold up the Har Homa plan, according to the sources. The plan is awaiting approval by the district planning

A spokeswoman denied that the ministry had already taken steps to prevent work at Har Homa, however she confirmed that Ramon had ordered no work to begin at the site until be had

personally reviewed the plan. "All signs indicate that the government has finally realized this is a politically inflammatory plan," said attorney Danny Seidmann, an activist with Ir Shalem, one of the groups that has led the

fight against Har Homa.
"We can only bope this is part
of larger policy review in eastern
Jerusalem," Seidmann said. Opposition to the project has centered on criticism of development at a time when negotiations are set to begin on the city's future.

Deputy Mayor Shmnel Meir (National Religions Party) charged that the government had promised the PLO it would not move ahead with Har Homa or

any other major public housing project in the capital.

"The government is doing everything it can to prevent building in eastern Jerusalem," Meir

City nfficials nated that the project has been held up before because of international pressure and Palestinian criticism, but said it is essential in order to relieve

the growing housing shortage.

The officials said there is no bureaucratic reason for the delay in construction, as the plan was published over three months ago and nuly several dozen Palestinian landowners presented their apposition.

'If the government were really behind this plan, work could have started already," said a senior

Sneh: Some patients discharged prematurely due to cost-cutting

JUDY SIEGEL

SOME hospital patients are being sent home "prematurely, when they are unprepared from a medical viewpoint to be discharged," Health Minister Ephraim Such said yesterday in a statement.

Such, who spoke before the Center for Social Policy Research, was

quoted as saying that efforts to reduce bospitalization costs have resulted in early discharges, especially from internal medicine departments, many of whose patients are chronically ill or elderly.

Such said that patients currently remain in internal medicine departments "half the time that was commonplace a few years ago." The challenge, the minister declared, is to "stabilize the financing system for medical care by finding a realistic monetary ceiling for costs that do not crode services. If not, medical services provided to the public could be eroded by six to seven percent annually."

Health Ministry medical services director Dr. Yitzhak Berlovich denied that patients are being discharged prematurely. "Every hospital department head or medical team in charge is responsible for ensuring that patients get the medical care they need.

Any complaint we receive alleging premature discharge can serve as the basis for a disciplinary bearing or malpractice suit." Berlovich

Election date: May 28 or June 4

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres and Likud leader Binvamin Netanyahu agreed vesterday on a May 28 election date, but opposition from the religious parties may move the poll to June 4.

Netanyahu phoned Peres last night following consultations with party leaders and Shas leader Aryeh Deri, and told him May 28 would be acceptable to the Likud, but that Peres should consider the objections of the religious parties, which prefer June 4. Peres said he would consider the alternative date.

"Elections will be held either on May 28 nr June 4. May 28 is alright with us, but I will have to take this up with my colleagues," Netanyahn said earlier after emerging from a largely ceremonial meeting at the Prime Minister's Office.

The problem, he explained. rests with some of the religious factions, which prefer June 4 because it is further from Shavunt. In any event, the date is not a cardinal issue."

The two sparred good-naturedly in front of the TV cameras, but the friendly exchange ended as soon as the camera crews left.

Peres began hy asserting that "Jerusalem is not an issue. The entire nation is united in this Netanyahn retorted that "in

the language of Shakespeare, you protest too much." Peres, well aware that his ad-

vancing years and Netanyahu's relative youth may become an issue, appeared eager to soothe Netanyahu with fatherly advice: "Don't worry. You already have grey hair, why add to it unnecessarily?" SARAH HONIG

Their sparring grew more serinus when it turned to the Likud campaign against Labor's intention to amend the law that forbids showing candidates in TV news coverage during the month preceding election day.

Netanyahu said this would play into the hands of the government, "especially as you can't accuse our media of being pro-Likud." Peres returted that "the media is not pro-Likud or pro-Labor but pro-news. They are halanced and will not bow to anyone's instructions."

Netanyahu later maintained that "this is a serious issue of access to the media by the appositing during a campaign which is the most crucial this nation has known, with the issues in the balance being the future unity of Jerusalem, Israel's control of the Golan, and the establishment of a terrorist Palestinian state adjacent to our beartland."

Likud MKs earlier met with the Ministerial Committee on Elections and said that if the government pushes through hills rescinding the bans on showing candidates' faces on TV and on political advertising on Channel 2, the Likud would "make life difficult for the government" over the election date.

In response, the ministers warned that if the Likud makes the ban a condition for supporting the election date, the government would determine the date without consulting the Likud.

MK Michael Einan warned the

ministers that if Labor uses its narrow majority to change laws in its favor now, in the future others might use their majority to pass laws harmful to Labor. "It's

a dangerous precedent," he said. The betting in Labor was that the party might pull back from the proposed amendment, because it had become so controversial it might leave Labor open to accusations of loading the dice against the opposition. Any change in the law might only apply to the elections slated for 2000, as the Likud demands.

Another hot potato - the issue of how Labor would regard the establishment of a Palestinian state - will be taken up at a special sessinn of the party conventinn nn April 25, at which amendments to the platform will be taken up. The most controversial will be a proposal that to remove the platform clause opposing a Palestinian state.

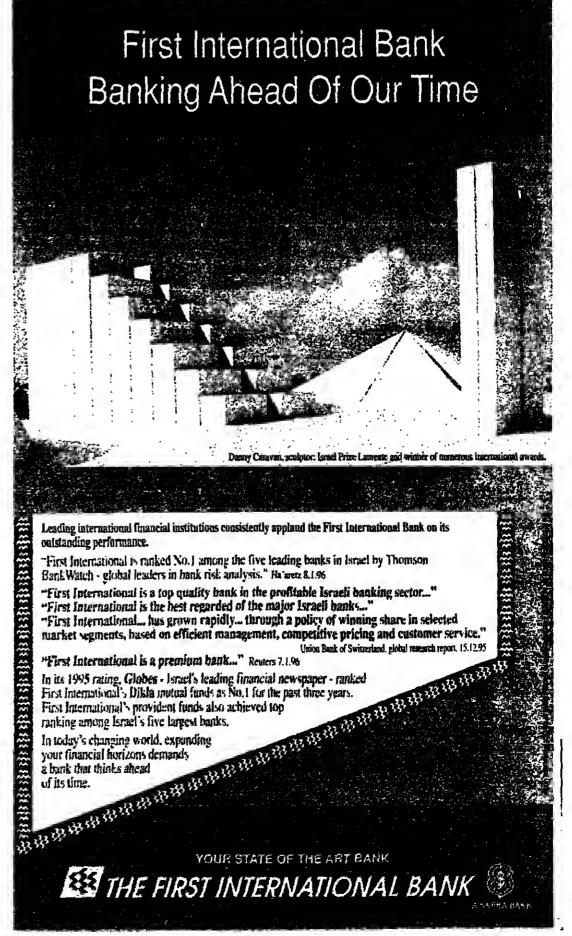
Labor might also appoint two new MKs to replace Avigdor Kabalani and Emanuel Zissman, who bave promised to return their mandates if the party demands that of them after the the Third Way is officially registered as a political party.

The new party's birth is to be annunced tonight in a ceremony in Ramat Efal, to be attended by President Ezer Weizman, But the bureaucratie process of registering the party will take time.

At the end of it, and after the list of Knesset candidates is submitted to the central elections committee, Zissman and Kahalani said, they will "happily return our Knesset mandates to Labor for the remainder of the Knesset term."

The two have prepared letters of resignation in which they cite the party's failure to live up to its own platform and declared principles. To our sorrow, we have realized that the Labor Party did not remain true to the promises it had made the voters on the eve of the last election."

Liat Collins contributed to this report.



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Peres to coalition: We've never had it so good

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres addressed a meeting of coalition MKs yesterday, and delivered a "we've-never-had-it-so-good"

Peres started by saying the goverament has an unparalleled record of improvements in all fields. "No other government has a record in four years, except for that of the early years of the state."

He described the peace with the Palestinians as "flourishing, unlike those in Ireland and Bosnia." He called the peace with Jordao

Peres repeated his promise that

LIAT COLLINS

agreements putting an end to war in the region and, in a reference to the recent Nautilus laser test, said: "I warn those who fire the Katyushas not to wait very long. Soon there will be a weapon against

He also repeated his pledge to hold a referendum on a peace agreement with Syria. "What we want now is a mandate to conduct the negotiations with the Syrians." The referendum will allow people to vote on accepting the agreement, he said. "If the people want

they won't."
He dismissed Likud claims that his government would divide Jerusalem or turn it into the capital of a Palestinian state. "Like a solid rock, we will stand firm on a united Jerusalem as the capital of Israel," he said.

He said that without the peace process, the country would return to the inflation rate seen in the days of the Likud. "There will be no devaluation and no recession,"

His speech also indicated Labor will place an emphasis on the country's youth and try to attract

Labor submits early elections bill

it, they'll endorse it; if they doo't,

LIAT COLLINS

LABOR Knesset faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen yesterday suhmitted four bills coocerning early elections to Speaker Shevah Weiss.

The Ministerial Committee oo Legislatioo, meanwhile, met and decided to waive the rule that a hill cannot be raised for preliminary reading for at least 45 days after it has been suhmitted, so the hills can be acted opon quickly.

The first hill proposes to dissolve the Knesset and hold elections oo May 21. Cohen said the date is the preferred ooe, hut is oot sacred and can he changed to May 28.

Opposition parties are complaining that May 21 is too close to the Shavuot holiday.

The second would reduce the waiting period for the official results from 14 days to 10 days. The third hill says the secood round of the prime ministerial election, if oecessary, will take place two weeks after the first round. According to the fourth hill, all those 1g years

old on election day will be eligible to vote. It also allows those registered as citizeos hy Fehruary 29 to vote, and reduces the "cooling off" period for senior civil servants who want to ruo for the

The early elections hill is scheduled to come up for preliminary reading tomorrow. Some clauses require a majority of 61 MKs.

Opposition meets to discuss early election

ALL oppositon factions will work together to prevent the government from changing the laws on the electoral process, hut welcome the announcement of early elections, Likud Knesset faction head Moshe Katsav

said yesterday. Opposition faction heads met to discuss the early elections. Among their chief coocerns are changes in the law hanning the showing of candidates faces on Israel Television for 30 days before the polls and the han on Channel 2 running political

Katsav attacked Labor's use of Yitzhak Rabin's memory in its campaign. "I was pained to hear Prime Minister Shimon Peres open his speech [Sunday night] with a long and detailed recollection of the difficult moments surrounding Rabin's assassination. Rabin's murder is a national wound, not a party matter. If the Labor Party uses this terrible murder, it can only harm its dignity and his memory. We will preserve his hooor and honor his memory," Katsav

Tsahi Hanegbi (Likud) said

FOLLOWING tense confronta-

tions between the IDF and the

Palestinian Police, an agreement

was reached to resume prelimi-

nary work on the Palestinian Au-

thority airport runway at Rafah.

three months, but Israel wants to

see the final plans before giving

its full authorization for the air-

In a secret meeting Sunday

night attended by PA Chairman

Yasser Arafat and Maj.-Gen.

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ROSA SZABO

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The Edelshain, Bader and Shalit Families

port's construction.

The work can continue for

LIAT COLLINS

Peres's speech was an attempt to to put the hiame for Rahin's assassioation on the opposition. and that Peres had not given one good reasoo for hringing the lections forward.

National Religious Party faction leader Yigal Bihi said his party would be the third largest after the elections and wel-comed early elections. "We need to onite and work together against election laws which are being dictated to us against our

will," he said.
"The opposition must promote some election bills of its own like, one demanding that anyone who leaves his faction must leave the Knesset. This bill bas passed preliminary reading," said Tsomet leader Rafael

He also called for a multi-party covenant ensuring a clean, fair election campaign. Michael Eitan (Liknd) made a similar suggestion.

The public is not stupid," said Avraham Verdiger (United To-rah Judaism). "If Labor uses the terrible murder of Rabin, it will

IDF, PA reach agreement on Rafah airport

JON IMMANUEL

Oren Shahor, the government

coordinator in the territories, the

PA agreed to change the angle of

the runway hy 10 degrees. This

would alter takeoff and landing

paths to reduce wind resistance

and ensure flight routes will not

be directly over the Egyptian bor-

the runway along the flattest

route, which would have made it

The Palestinians had planned

The Bereaved Family

The Shimoni Family

get hurt in the process. Therefore think it won't use Rahin's murder for political gain."

MK Limor Livnat, responsible for the Likud's campaign, said Labor "must understand that if it uses the Rahin assassination in its campaign, we won't be able sit still and do nothing while being hit below the belt.

She accused Shimon Peres of starting his campaign Sunday night by "saying everything but

The joint Likud-Tsomet campaign will stress such issues as preserving the status of Jerusalem and the Golan Heights and preventing the establishment of a Palestinian state, Livnat (Likud), who met with Tsomet MKs and candidates and representatives of the advertising agencies responsihle for the campaign, said: - "

Nehama Ronen, a Tsomet candidate, said the campaign should be marked by the theme of unity. The campaign line should be to persuade the public that Binya min Netanyahn must be prime minister, she said, "otherwise we'll be left with a divided Jerusalem, Golan Heights, and State

There have been confronta-

tions betweeo soldiers and Pales-

tinian policemen this week over

Israeli attempts to stop the work,

which is partly in an area under

joint Israeli-Palestinian control.

Military sources said the Palestin-

ians started the work without get-

ting all the occessary permits. Is-rael has to sit with the Egyptians

as well, since part of the landing

route is over Egyptian airspace,

Arafat spoke with Egyptian Presideot Hosni Mnbarak after

the meeting, winning his approv-

al for the airport, according to

Israel insists that the terminal

huilding be in an area under its

authority so that it can monitor

everyone arriving at and depart-

Palestinians cootinued to protest

the construction of a security wall

near Rachel's Tomh. Local resi-

dents, led hy elected PA council

members, marched towards the

At present, a wooden security

fence takes up ooe lane of the

two-lane road that goes past the

tomh. Israeli sources said that the

wooden structure is temporary

and that the cement security wall

being built will not take up road

Palestinians yesterday were unable to enter Jerusalem from

Ramallah, nor could Israelis en-

ter Ramallah, after the IDF

blocked off the A-Ram junctioo.

Palestinians said they suspected it

was in retaliation for the road-

block set up hy the Palestinian

Police at the entrance to Bethle-

Military sources said the road-

block was set up after stones were

thrown at IDF soldiers in a joint

patrol on Sunday. Studeots from

Bir Zeit University protesting the

roadblock clashed with troops.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the Eng-fish-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place TODAY, TUESDAY Febru-ary 13 at 12-15 p.m. (instead of the regular Wednesday meeting) at the YMCA, King David Street, for a visit to the Nazaretin Rotary Club. The bus will leave from the YMCA at 12:30 p.m. promptly.

hem on Sunday.

tomh to protest the work.

Meanwhile, oear Bethlehem,

ing from the airport.

the sources said.

PA sources.

Interior Ministry warns settlements against using gov't funds in elections

HERB KEINON

SETTLEMENTS cannot transfer funds to the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza if this money will be used in the npcoming election campaign, Avraham Kalagi, the director-general of the Interior Ministry, said

Kalagi wrote the heads of the various local and regional councils in the territories saying it is forbidden to use the money they routinely transfer to the council for political purposes. The letter follows the settlement council's pubbic endorsement of Binyamin Netanyahu for prime minister, and statements by the conncil's leadership that the organization's apparatus will be mobilized on Netanyabn's

Council spokesman Aharon Domh said that Kalagi has nothing to worry about. the local aod regional councils transfer to the settlement body is not used for "political purposes," hut rather to further development of the settlements.

Mooey for "other purposes," he said, does not come from the various local and regional conneils.

The council is funded both by contribotioos from the 21 regional and local councils in the territories, which each pay a sum linked to the oumber of residents, and hy privately raised funds. The settlement council has a well-oiled fundraising apparatus that raises millions of shekels a year ahroad. The council itself does

not receive government funds. Ma'aleb Adumim Mayor Benny Kashriel said the Interior Ministry directive was unnecessary, and that it is clear that we "we will certainly not nse 'tax-payers' money for partisan political purposes."
Kashriel said that as a member of the settlement conncil execotive, be knows which

Kalagi, in his letter, said that anyooe who anthorizes an illegal transfer of funds to the council will be penalized.

Government committee on settlement construction to meet later this month

HERB KEINON

THE government's interministerial committee on settlements, which must approve new Jewish construction io the territories, is scheduled to meet for the first time in nearly a year on February 25, Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer told a group of set-

tlement leaders yesterday. Ma'aleh Adumim Mayor Benov Kashriel, head of the Greater Jerusalem Forum, which met with Ben-Eliezer yesterday, said the housing minister told the group that huilding plans in Ma'aleh Adumin, Betar, Gush Etzioo and Kiryat Sefer are

among the topics oo the agenda. Kashriel said plans awaiting government approval include 3,000 new housing units in Ma'a-leh Adumim, 500 in Gush Etzion, and "more than 1,000" each in Betar and Kirvat Sefer.

Kashriel said it is possible that convening the committee now is tied to the elections. "The government does not want to be perceived as stopping building in Greater Jerusalem," Kashriel

Kasrhiel warned that if plans are not approved, "we will embark on a struggle no less intense than what the Ouman workers waged. The minute we feel that our backs are against the wall, we will fight back." In the last few mooths, a number of meetings of the interministerial committee have been canceled at the last

In addition to Kashriel, the other council heads at yesterday's meeting were Shaul Mizrahi of Givat Ze'ev, Yinon Ahiman of Efrat, and Shilo Gal of the Gush Etzion Regional Council.

Liba'i: Amir-led Knesset slate would never be permitted

EVELYN GORDON

A KNESSET slate composed of Yigal Amir, Ami Popper, and Avigdor Eskin could never happen, because it would violate several laws, Justice Minister David Liba'i said yesterday.

Liha'i was responding to reports that Avigdor Eskin - wbo is currently being investigated for issuing a curse calling for the death of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, and then praising the murder after it happeoed asked Amir and Popper, who killed seven Arah workers in Rishon Lezioo in 1990, to run with him for the Knesset.

Eskin told 1tim yesterday that ahout two weeks ago he bad been approached by American Jews that support the radical right, and they had offered to fund the campaign of a Knesset list beaded by Amir. But the idea died out, and he had oever agreed to run on such a list, he

Eskin added he had considered setting up his own independent list, but had abandoned the idea when it hecame elear that elections were to be advanced.

Liba'i pointed ont that before a slate can run for Knesset, it must be approved as a party. However, the party registrar is by law allowed to disqualify any party which incites to racism, rejects the democratic nature of the state, or appears to be a front for criminal activity.

"The murder of the prime minister is an unequivocal rejection of the democratic nature of the state, so the murderer and his supporters are absolutely unqualified to run for the Knes-



(Continued from Page 1)

Yasser Arafat accepts congratulations after swearing himself in as president of the Palestinian National Authority yesterday. -

be nominated as president of the legislative council.

David Makovsky adds: Prime Minister Shimon Peres called Arafat yesterday to ex-

press his congratulations. Environment Minister Yossi Sarid sent a congratulatory cable to Arafat, indicating he would send another telegram when he leader becomes president of a

Palestinian state.

Sarid wrote: "You, Mr. Rais, have become a courageous and faithful partner for reconciliation between our two nations. I am sure you will continue to fulfill your duties in the unending and stubborn war against the enemies of peace, just as we must approof. our errant weeds.

"Hopefully, peace will develop and we will see you elected as president of a Palestinian state that enjoys good neighborly relations and cooperation with the State of Israel."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Two killed, seven hurt in crash

Two persons were killed and seven injured yesterday, in a head-on collision between a truck and a van near the Negev town of Rahat. Police said the truck, which was turning left. apparently failed to yield the right of way to the van. The driver of the van was killed instantly – his body had to be cut out of the van – and one of his passenger later died of his injuries. The injuried were taken to Beershieba's Soroka Hospital, where two were reported in critical condition, two in serious - --condition, and three in moderate-to-serious condition. Itim

Supreme Court doubles rapist's sentence The Supreme Court yesterday more than doubled the scutence

of a man convicted of raping a mentally retarded girl. The man, who heads the Givat Ada Religious Council, was sentenced to 31/2 years by Haifa District Court. He appealed the harshness of his sentence, claiming the girl had consented to have sex with him. The state lodged a counterappeal, arguing that the girl had not really understood what was going on. Justice Eliezer Goldberg, Eliaho Mazza and Ya akov Kedmi accepted the state's argument, and increased the man's sentence to eight years, plus two years' suspended..

Hai Vekayam head acquitted.
Yehnda Etzion, the head of Hai Vekayam, was acquitted yesterday on charges that he violated a court order, issued last year, forbidding him from coming within three meters of the Temple Mount, Jerusalem Magistrate's Court Judge David Frankel ruled that the court order had violated basic laws. He said there had been no proof presented to the court that issued the order that Etzion had ever been convicted of a crime.

Vanunu nominated for Nobel Peace Prize Anti-nuclear activist Joseph Rotblat, who shared last year's peace prize with the Pugwash group, has suggested that Mordechai Vanunu, imprisoned since 1986 for revealing secrets about the country's atomic weapons secrets, receive the 1996 Nobel Peace Prize. Other known candidates include US President Bill Clinton and Richard Holbrooke, a US assistant secretary of state, for their efforts to bring peace to Bosnia. AP.

'Elections won't affect Syrian talks' The early elections are not expected to affect the peace talks with Syria, Foreign Minister Ehnd Barak said yesterday in New York. The talks will continue until shortly before the election and will resume shortly afterward, he said.

The talks with Syria will resume February 28 at Wye Plantation, Barak told reporters after a meeting with the Israeli-consuls-general from the US and Canada. He is to meet tomorrow with members of the UN Security Council before returning to Israel. Jerusalem Post Suff

Restitution body to deal with Swiss banks Submission of inquiries into Holocaust victims' Swiss bank accounts, which involves a fee of some 300 Swiss francs, can be done through the World Jewish Restitution Organization, the organization announced yesterday. The announcement follows the Swiss Bankers' Associations' admission last week that 51 financial institutions in Switzerland and Liechtenstein have some \$32 million worth of unclaimed, pre-1945 deposits in accounts which have been dormant since then. The SBA's figures are far lower than World Jewish Congress and Jewish Agency estimates, which ran into the hundreds of millions, even billions of Jerusalem Post Staff

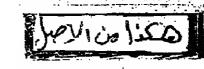
Two arrested after running roadblock Two Israelis were arrested yesterday, after driving through two roadblocks north of Ramallah and nearly running down an Israeli policeman. The two, according to police spokesmen, were involved in an accident with a vehicle belonging to Palestinians, and were apparently trying to flee. Herb Keinon

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" Meshulam gang gets 48 hours in solitary for riot

BAINE MARCUS

UZI Meshulam and his 11 followers were placed in solitary confinement for 48 hours yesterday by the Prisons Service disciplinary committee, after they can riot on Sunday.

On Sunday afternoon, the group announced that it was starting a hunger strike to express its dissatisfaction that Meshulam's eightyear prison sentence was reduced by "only" 18 months by the Supreme Court last Thursday. The group apparently will only be sat-isfied if Meshulam is acquitted. Meshulam and his 11 followers

demanded to be placed in solitary confinement, otherwise they would "give authorities good rea-son to place them in solitary." They then proceeded to tear and cut wires of the closed circuit TVs, thus justifying their most-1 ceration in solitary confinement:

Once in solitary, they proceeded to "run riot," the Prisons Service spokesman said. As a result, Ayalon Prison warden Avi Harari sentenced them to an additional 48 bours in solitary confinement. A complaint was also filed with the police about the damage, esti-mated at some NIS 7,000, caused to the TVs and smoke detectors. and criminal files were opened against the group.

Meanwhile, three

Meshulam's followers - Avner Sa'id, Yoav Shahi, and Zohar Hasson - awaiting trial for the attempted murder of prison guard Benny Aviram, were segregated from the rest of their group and transferred to the Nitzan lock-up.

On Sunday evening a group of Meshalam's followers, including minors, staged an illegal protest in the main street of Rishon Lezion in an attempt to disrupt traffic, said police. The juveniles were given orders by the adults, wore racist T-shirts, and shouted slogans condemning police and loternal Security Minister Moshe

When they refused to disperse, police arrested six men, two women, and two minors. They were released after questioning, even though they refused to cooperate with police.

Right-wing group petitions court on police 'censorship' of protest

EVELYN GORDON

MATEH Ma'amatz, a right-wing political action organization, yesterday petitioned the High Court of Justice against the police's refusal to let it hang a large sign as part of a protest against the administrative detention of rightwing figures.

wing rigures.

The group planned to hold a two-week protest vigil, with atten-dance ranging from a few dozen to a few hundred people, opposite the Prime Minister's Office. The centerpiece of the vigil was to be a large sign, 16 meters long by 6 meters high, saying "The left's democracy: PLO murderers go free; opponents of [Prime Minister Shimon] Peres suffer arrest and persecution."
Asst.-Cmdr. David Caruso, on

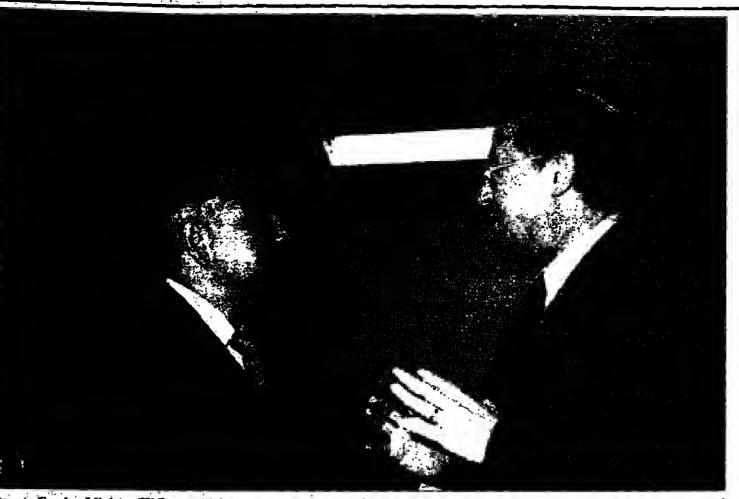
behalf of the Jerusalem police, okayed the demonstration, but banned the sign, saying it would distract drivers and violated traffic laws. When the petitioners pointed out that signs are illegal only on intercity roads. Caruso then said he could not permit the sign because it might cause distur-

Match Ma'amatz When promised that it would prevent disturbances, the police came up with a new reason: The land in question, at the corner of Ruppin and Kaplan Streets, was owned by the Israel Lands Administration, so the ILA's okay was needed.

The ILA said it could not okay the demonstration because it had leased this land to Hebrew University, so Match Ma'amatz suggested that it hold the vigil on "Demonstration Hill" across from the Prime Minister's Office instead. Caruso said this would be acceptable, if the group got a per-mit from the Jerusalem Municipality for the sign.

The group got the permit from the city's urban improvement department, and went back to Caruso, However, Caruso then reneged on the agreement to allow the vigil on "Demonstration Hill." Caruso said Two days later Caruso said Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert bad canceled the permit, so the

sign was definitely out.
The petitioners called the municipality, which said that Olmert was not even in the country, and the permit given by Sharon was valid.



Deputy Foreign Minister Eli Dayan (right) meets yesterday with Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny. Dayan summoned the envoy for an interview over the publication of sensationalist stories in the Egyptian press to the effect that Israeli medical students had removed the organs of Egyptian POWs murdered by IDF soldiers. Dayan told Bassiouny that, 'Such reports do not contribute to the relations between the two countries.'

Three Interior Ministry officials likely to face bribery charges

THREE-senior Interior Ministry **BILL HUTMAN AND LIAT COLLINS**

officials will likely face bribery charges in connection with the scandal at the ministry's eastern Jerusalem office, police sources said yesterday.

Population Department bead Yosef Tov, Avraham Ben-Atar, director of the eastern Jerusalem office, and Tova Amedi, a senior office official, have been under investigation for the past several

Parts of the files on the three bave been turned over to the Jerusalem . District Attorney, according to the sources.

Police will recommend charges be filed, the sources said. The police spokesman issued a statement denying news reports the investigation into alleged bribe-taking at the eastern Jerusalem interior ministry office is complete. The spokesman said there have been recent meetings between investigators and members of the District Anomey's

Office, but that they were routine. Meanwhile, Interior Minister Haim Ramon and Yehoshua Matza, chairman of the Knesset Interior Committee, toured the east Jerusalem office yesterday to study first hand the changes made following the scandal, in which residents were discovered to be procuring identity cards and other documents without appearing per-

Both concluded there had been significant improvements and the problem of "dealers" had been wiped out. Matza said there was sull a problem with paid form-fillers required by the illiterate, but a solution is being

'Davar Rishon' workers urge Histadrut to reconsider closure

"YOU'RE all fired," announced Davar Rishon Editor-in-Chief Ron Ben-Yishai to the daily newspaper's workers, who convened for an emergency meeting yesterday, following the Histadrot's decision to close down the

The closed meeting was concluded by a call to the Histadrut to reconsider its decision to stop funding the newspaper, a move which stand now, the last issue will appear on Friday.

Addressing the workers after the meeting, Davar Rishon's works committee chairman Efraim Davidi attacked the Histadrut for not making enough of an effort to keep the newspaper affoat. He stressed that the paper's clo-sure hurt not only its workers but media diversity in Israel.

Davidi pointed out that the Histadrut went

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all out to help floundering plants, such as Ouman, to survive, even at the cost of millions from its strike fund. . "The only difference is that Ouman is in

Ofakim and Davar Rishon is in the middle of Tel Aviv," he said, hinting at the possible interests of Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz, who is running for the Labor Knesset list in the southern district primaries. "Here there are also 200 families left jobless," he said.

Ben-Yishai, who briefed the workers on the attempts to find someone to buy the paper. blasted businessman Jean Friedman, whom he accused of leading him astray and withdrawing on the verge of signing a purchase agree-

Ben-Yishai said that the media wiretapping affair had turned off many potential investors.

After the meeting, all the journalists resumed work, promising that the last four editions of the newspaper would be the best they ever published. Histadrut Treasurer MK Haim Oron expressed sorrow at the paper's demise, admitting that "for me this comes on top of Al Hamishmar's closure. It is another testimony to the changing values in Israeli society, that a newspaper like Davar Rishon, which could have broken even in one year, couldn't attract the public or private backing necessary to enable it to survive until then."

Oron warned that this process would not end with Davar Rishon. "Israeli society will pay a beavy price for the concentration of media power in the hands of

a few private families, a venture which has already proved a failure," he said. "I don't believe in miracles, but it's hard to imagine

Court orders officials to cover costs of anti-smoking petition

HAVE you tried to get someone to stop smoking in a public place or at work and get only a bored shrug or an angry curse in return? The High Court of Justice yesterday took a step that could scare the authorities into enforcing the law. Court Registrar Judge Alon Gillon ordered Haifa University, Health Minister Ephraim Sneh, Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal, and Haifa Mayor Amram Mitzna to pay NIS 8,000 in court costs to cover the expenses of a group of Haifa University students who demanded that the no-smoking laws be implemented.

The protracted case has been pending for over a year. The students complained to the university that no fines were being levied on those who smoked in dormitories and other university facilities. After numerous court hearings. some 100 fines were finally handed out by inspectors.

After long negotiations, it was agreed that the students' suit would be canceled, in exchange for vigorous enforcement by the municipal and university authorities. But when the students asked that the four bodies cover court costs, the ministries, the municipality, and the university balked. Gillon ordered the university to pay NIS 5,000; the Health and Internal Security ministers to jointly pay NIS 1,500, and the mayor to pay NIS 1,500. According to the no-smoking law relating to public places, complaints are made to the public institution responsible. The institution must make an effort to halt the smoking. If the violation continues, municipal inspectors can be called in, and if this is not effective or carried out, the police may be called.

The Health Ministry bears general responsibility for ensuring that the law is enforced but doesn'i have its own inspectors.

Representatives of the Israel Lobby for the Prevention of Smoking were pleased by the decision, noting that public officials will now think twice before disregarding complaints about the non-enforcement of no-smoking

Prostitution bill fails to pass first reading

LIAT COLLINS

A BILL which would have regulated prostitution failed 28-10 on first reading in the Knesset last night. Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan and Dan Tichon (Likud), among those sponsored the bill, were absent. The bill was initiated by Avraham Poraz (Meretz).

Communications Shulamit Aloni spoke against it, but left the plenum before the vote, while the other Meretz MKs supported it, as did Tamar Gozansky (Hadash). The coalition voted against it, apparently at the behest of Prime Minister Shimon Peres, with an eye to the religious vote in the upcoming elections. In preliminary reading it had received strong support, particularly from Justice Minister David Liba'i. The bill was based

on the report by retired judge Hadassah Ben-Ito. Poraz said the bill was necessary "because the country can't act like an ostrich and ignore the fact that prostitution is openly flourishing and will flourish on the beaches, backyards, and stairwells. Now we have been prevented from regulating it and restricting it to places where it would not be a nui-

Aloni explained her opposition. saying: "As long as a woman is her husband's property in the State of Israel. I don't want to give a legal permit to something making her an object for the use of men. It would be best to first pass a law permitting a woman to have an abortion according to her

Army to notify families of Palestinian detainees

.... EVELYN GORDON

THE army will now immediately notify families by telephone when they arrest Palestinians, according to an agreement which was given the force of a verdict by the High Court of Justice yesterday.

The agreement was in response to a petition by the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) and the Center for the Defense of the Individual (CDI). According to the petition, the army arrests dozens of Palesunians every month without informing their families, so that they seem to have simply disappeared. To locate the detainees, either attorneys or organizations, such as the CDI, must begin calling lock-ups all over the country.

According to the agreement, upon arresting someone, the army will ask for his family's phone number, and will call that number immediately to say that the person has been arrested and where he is being held. The army will also phone a lawyer of the detainee's choice, should the suspect request it. If the family does not have a phone, the army will send a postcard to the address given by the prisoner.

Law Committee approves bills on information and the disabled

THE Knesset Law Committee yesterday approved both the Preedom of Information Act and the Israelis with Disabilities Act

for first reading.

The Freedom of Information Act is a major revolution in Israeli law, since it would for the first time give people the right to get information from government

Under the bill, people would

Guidelines

issued for letting

patients choose

to die

JUDY SIEGEL

DETAILED recommendations were issued yesterday by the Health Ministry for the treatment of termi-

nal patients who refuse medical pro-

cedures that would prolong their life but harm their dignity.

The recommendations, issued in

consultation with the Israel Medical

Association, followed a number of

court appeals by patients asking to

be allowed to die without medical

intervention. According to Dr.

Yitzhak Berlovich, the ministry's

head of medical services, the recom-

mendations do not support either active or passive eurhanasia, but

rather the right of the patient to

refuse "heroic" means to extend life.

terminal patients.

Until the court rulings, doctors were required to extend the lives of

One of the new guidelines sets the

staff's need to determine clearly that

the patient is irreversibly terminal

and that no treatment can save his or

her life. This diagnosis should be

reached by two doctors who are "not

connected to each other" and

include at least one department

ing treatment that is superfluous

should be taken by a team of at least

three doctors, including the director of the hospital or a department head

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with a relevant specialty.

The decision regarding withhold-

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have the right to obtain any infor-mation directly related to themselves, as well as general information of concern to individuals, such as data on air and water pollution. The government would be ohligated to publicize a list of all its databases, and each ministry or public body would have to set up division to handle information

requests from0 the public. Comminee chairman Dedi Zucker (Meretz) described the bill as extremely important to society, since it will put an end to the government's practice of treating information about its citizens as its private property. Such information should rightly be considered public property, and this bill

would make it so, he said.

The Israelis with Disabilities Act, meanwhile, is meant to prohibit discrimination against the disabled during the hiring process. by both public and private companies. It also requires the government to ensure access for the dis abled to public plates and trans port, and makes the disabled eligi ble for special housing and educa

"Going Up in Rank" Immigrant Absorption in the Army

On Thursday night, 15.2.96, at 20:30, a live studio program will be held on local channel TV.

This program is aimed at new immigrants who are being called up to do military service, as well as their families.

If you have questions or concerns, you can call the officers or counsellors who will be in the studio.

The program will include film clips on various army activities.

(a) Your calls to the studio will be taken from 19:00 in the evening: Tel: 03-9630110 / 9630111.

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(b) Local Channel Stations Tevel" / "M-TV" / "idan" - Channel 9 "Gvanim" - Channel 7 "Arutzei Zahav" - Channel 45

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Major warns of more bombs

LONDON

BRITISH Prime Minister John Major said yesterday that IRA guer-rillas might detonate more bombs in the wake of a fatal London blast, but vowed to press ahead with elections to move the Northern Irish peace process forward.

In an emergency statement to par-liament io which he paid tribute to the two men killed in Friday's hlast, Major said the IRA bad to resume its cease-fire before there could be any return to ministerial talks with Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing.

This may not be the last such atrocity. More may follow, both here in the mainland and in Northern Ireland if the IRA cease-fire is oot renewed," Major said.

He also announced a summit with Irish Prime Minister John Bruton in London, possibly next week, to try and hammer out a way to overcome the crisis in the peace process.

The Irish Times newspaper claimed that the blast in London's Docklands financial district, which caused an estimated £150 million (\$230 million) damage, was a oneoff attempt to persuade Britain to change its plans for Northern "We are not at the end of the road

will start again... There can be no end to this search for a permaneot settlement in Northern Ireland." Major told a somber House of Commons, the lower chamber. "We may have to take more risks. We will not take reckiess but if we see a risk that we believe is appro-

for peace. If we are pushed back, we

priate in the course of peace, a justi-fiable risk, then we will take it." Bruton attacked Major's plan for elections to open the way for all-party peace talks, saying it would "pour petrol on the flames," but Major said it was still the best way forward.



A crowd of 4,000 people gather in front of Belfast's City Hall Square in a protest rally following Friday's IRA bombing in London. (AP)

This proposal bas been consistently misrepresented by Sinn Fein and misunderstood more widely," a

grim-looking Major said. "I repeat now that its purpose is to lead directly and speedily to negotiations between all parties committed to peaceful and democratic methods. aimed at reaching a comprehensive

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - World chess champion

Garry Kasparov outmaneuvered a computer, rebounding from an opeolog-round loss and

Kasparov won the match Sunday in 73 moves

with a triumphant display of long-range tactical thinking over Deep Blue, an IBM computer

which has a calculating capacity of 200 million

Feng-hsiung Hsu, the architect and principal designer of Deep Blue, ceded defeat after 5 hours,

After the match, Kasparov said be had a key

strategy for attacking the computer he referred

to as "the monster." He discovered that by mov-

ing for safe positions rather than direct attacks,

he could lull the machine into opening its

moves a second.

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evening the six-game series at one win apiece.

political settlement." The election plan, priveiled last

month, is designed to get around the refusal of pro-British Unionists to talk to Sinn Fein until the IRA gives up its arms and Sinn Fein's insistence that all-party talks must start before arms can be scrapped. Major, who was due to make a

rare television address to the nation later yesterday, clearly sought to putpressure on Sian Feio to ensure a resumption of the IRA's 17-moothold ceasefire raptured by Friday's

"We and the Irish government are at one on this: the ball is in the court

that distinction means anything. "It is for them to show, through their words and actions, whether they have a part to play in the peace process or not. I am not in the husi-

ness of slamming doors. But the British and Irish peoples need to

Hero cop found bomb

WENDY HOLDEN LONDON

THE policeman who identified the RA bomb in London's Docklands and evarianted the first seconds beside residents between the moment be thought he would die.

Policeman Riger de Grant, 30, whose wife is 13 weeks pregnant and who had just been told he had passed his sergeam; exams, was

passed his seggenn's exams, was thrown to the ground by "what felt. He a 200 mph wind."

As he lay curied up on the ground

with shards of glass and debris raining down around hun be saw a car building towards him - the drives will in shock the managed to roll

out of the way.

There was a rumble and what felt like a 200 mph wind coming past my ears," de Graaf said. "I was ocked off my feet and I curled up. like a ball. All I could think was, 'It is a bomb and I'm going to die.'

automatic stuck in gear. The driver was in shock. I thought, I've survived the bomb, I'm just going to get run over now." The car stopped as its bumper hit

The car coming at me was an

my back."
With blood pouring from an eye injury, de Graaf helped the driver of the car and other colleagues to take shelter as glass, metal and concrete

Despite his own injury, be helped

titled the 1 colleagues who also suffered minor injurier get a safe distance from the

He eventually went to hospital where his injury required five internal stitches and a dozen external stitches.

During the pandemonium that followed the blast, he was able to borrow a mobile phone to reassure his wife that he was safe. The couple have a 20-week-old daughter.

- She and his father had heard the explosion in Woodford, eight miles away, and said the doors had rattled in their frames. De Graaf said he was "the length of a football pitch" away from the vehicle when the device exploded.

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He and a colleague had previously become aware of the vehicle. We were actually all sort of standing next to it, and we said maybe this one shouldn't be here." be

"We did some checks on it, the results of those checks aroused our suspicions a bit more. At that point we decided if it was going to be anything, that was going to be the vehicle."

He added: "I have done nothing heroic, nothing special, I'm just the one who made the checks oo the vehicle and who has a very scratched face."

The Daily Telegraph

Librarian leaves estate for UCLA Holocaust program

TOM TUGEND LOS ANGELES

A POLISH-BORN woman, who worked quietly as a librarian for 32 years, has left a totally unexpected bequest of \$592,000 to UCLA (University of California, Los Angeles) for Holocaust and Jewish

in 1994 at the age of 75, designated an machine will go about its business and eventually UCLA's Chair io Holocaust Studies as the beneficiary of ber estate.

The gift will support not only UCLA's long-standing Holocaust studies but general Jewish studies at the university as well. The unexpectedness of the bequest is compounded by the

scant details available on Babb, a

private person with apparently few friends and no known relatives. According to UCLA sources, she was born in Poland in 1919, fleeing the country with the Nazi invasion

of 1939. After arriving to the US and completing graduate studies, Babb joined the staff of the UCLA library in 1955 and, until her retirement in 1987, devoted most of her efforts to the Germanic and Scandinavian book collections.

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must keep track of how much time passes between catching prey. This

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specific duration for all the critical ingredients going into the dish,"

Tel. (day).

Grandmasters observing the match said it takes a genius of Kasparov's caliber to recognize the moment and exploit it.

Kasparov beats computer, evens match

Kasparov managed to develop a plan that extended beyond the computer's horizon," said observer David Levy, vice president of the Internotional Computer Chess Association. "Arguably, the compoter didn't know what was

going on."

Kasparov, 32, had suffered a startling loss in the first round when the computer took advantage of the Russian's wide-open, aggressive attack. In the second round, Kasparov began cautious-

with the conservative Catalan opening. By consolidating his position and his pieces, he forced the computer to go on the attack,

Io the 11th move, Kasparov made a gambit that bad grandmasters puzzled, then smiling in appre-"If you threaten, the machine will counterate ack," he said. "But if there is on threat, the clasion. He captured a pawn, but exposed his queen, violating a fundamental rule known even to novices. But the gamble drew the computer into spreading its pieces and weakening its-

defense. "That's wby he's the best," said grandmaster Dan Heisman.

The tide turned strongly in Kasparov's favor with his 19th move, when he offered a pawo the computer promptly captured, irrevocably weakening positions around its king.

Play resumes today in the series, which coincides with the University of Pennsylvania's celebration of the 50th birthday of the ground-breaking computer ENIAC.

The duel is the first to pit human against machine for a regulation, six-game chess match. The winner will receive \$400,000 with the remaining \$100,000 going to the loser. If Deep Blue wins, the money goes to IBM researchers working on the computer.

Kasparov, so Armenian Jew who was born Baku, Azerbaijan, and now is a Russian citizen, became the youngest world chess champion at age 22 when he defeated Russian Anatoly

"Looks like they failed again," Masahiko Watanabe said as be FURUBIRA, Japan (AP) Desperate efforts to free a bus trapped in a highway namel failed again yesterday as a second dynamite blast intended to dislodge a on televisioo in his home. Watanabe and other local resi-

Second attempt to

blast rock fails to

free Japanese bus

nive as the first. · The setback left rescue workers at a loss for what to do oext and deepened the anguish of family members, whose hopes of finding their loved ones alive bave gradually ebbed since the accident bappened

buge slab of rock proved as ineffec-

early Saturday morning.

The rescue drama has dominated national news coverage and trauma-tized this tight-knit fishing village in northern Japan, where many of the 5,000 residents knew at least one of the 19 people on the bas. Another persoo was believed trapped in a passenger car.

watched the latest blasting attempt

deots were growing more irritated at what they saw as the slow pace of rescue efforts. "They've wasted so much time, it's isgusting." Watanabe said, referring

to the long delays between the hlasts Sunday and yesterday and an 11-hour stretch after the accident Saturday during which rescue officials deliberated over how to proceed.

At this point, few are holding out much hope that any survivors will be found after nearly three days in sub-freezing temperatures. Already people are referring to those with loved ones inside the tunnel as "bereaved" family members.

Brain's timer is found

BALTIMORE (AP) - Scientists said Dr. Warren Meck of Duke the spot that calculates whether you've got enough time to run

give you an opportunity."

It's called the interval timer and its job is to keep track of the mioutes and seconds that make up everyday life.

Unlike the body's other timekeeper - the circadian clock, which keeps hormones, digestion, sleep and other functions running on a 24-hour cycle - the interval clock mea-

rain forest or the freeway. Io the wild, for instance, animals

how they know whether to keep hunting in the same place or move

"Many gournet cooks learn the

the timer - io the dead center of the brain - Sunday at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

He and colleagues used magnetic volunteers to squeeze a ball every II seconds. Then they watched

The scans revealed that the striatum, a structure deep inside the brain, was working hard during this exercise.

Meck's earlier research showed that rats trained to press a lever for food after a specified time used the same part of their brains.

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Resnick testifies: Simpson took drugs, threatened ex-wife NEW YORK (AP) - Fave Resnick testified in her deposition that O.J. Simpson used cocaine in the past and threatened to kill his ex-wife because she "rejected him, shamed

and bumiliated him," ber lawyer OJ. Simpson's attorneys were to begin their questioning of Resnick yesterday, and were expected to focus on ber drug use.

Simpson has repeatedly said that Resnick's link to drugs led to the

1994 slayings of Nicole Brown. Simpson and Ronald Goldman. He said in a recent CNN interview that the answer to the slayings is "in the

world of Faye Resnick." -Resnick, 37, a friend of Ms. Simpson's who wrote a tell-all book about her life, waded through a crowd of photographers Sunday for her second day of questioning as

Her attorney, Leonard Marks, said

part of the wrongful death lawsuits filed against Simpson by the fami-lies of the victims.

she testified that Simpson had used cocaine and offered her some in the past, Marks said. Ms. Simpson also told her that Simpson used drugs during his football career, Marks said.

"Nicole told her that O.J. had pills in every color in a jar that be

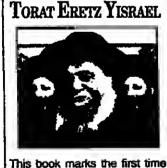
called his Christmas tree," Marks Marks said his client also repeated claims made in ber book that

Simpson was a jealous abuser who

couldn't deal with the fact that his marriage was over. "OJ. Simpson told Faye Resnick

Lawyers for Simpson did not comment

Resnick has admitted to a cocaine addiction and checked into a rehabilitation clinic just days before the June 12, 1994, slayings.



that Ray Tzvi Yehuda Hacohen Kook's lectures have been translated into English. His teachings on Torah, Emunah, Ahavah, Eretz Yisrael, Zionism, the Holocaust, Geula, and the Mashiach, bring the encompassing Torah of Eretz Yisrael into unparalleled light. The book's commentary brings the reader into the Beit Midrash of Rabbi Kook, presenting an intimate understanding of his vision and the unique era of redemption which Rabbi Kook inspired the nation to see. Translated by Zvi Fishman.

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have located the brain's stopwatch - University. "They learn to juggle in simultaneously. dash to the bathroom during a TV break.

It allows bumans and other animals to learn and survive in their

their heads different durations Even non-gourmet cooks can hoil an egg, brew coffee and make toast. all at the same time. That's because

they have an interval timer. Meck described the location of

resonance imaging to study the activity of the brain. They asked what happened inside their heads.

In this, as with many other thiogs, human brains work a lot like rats'.

Oscar nominations a tough call

BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP) - For the past two years, the Academy Awards lacked suspense. Forrest Gump and Schindler's List both dominated - as expected.

This year it's different. On the eve of Oscar nominations, almost every category is too tough to pick. And the Golden Globes, typ-ically Oscar indicators, only add to the uncertainty since there was only

one multiple film-award winner. The only three movies widely seen as sime bets to make the best picture nomination list when they are announced in a pre-dawn cere-

mony today (3:30 p.m. local time) are Apollo 13. Leaving Las Vegas and Sense and Sensibility, which won two Golden Globes.

There's no telling how the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' 5,043 voters will go regarding other cootenders, which include Babe, Nixon, The Bridges of Madison County, Bra- veheart and Dead Man Walking. Nicolas Cage is a strong favorite

to win best actor for Leaving Las

Vegas. Competition comes from

Anthooy Hopkins in Nixon and Sean Penn in Dead Man Walking. Leaving Las Vegas co-star Elisabeth Shue is expected to be nominated as best acress along with Susan Sarandoo from Dead Man Walking, Joan Allen of Nixon, Meryl Streep from The Bridges of Madison County and Emma Thompson for Sense and

Sensibility.

Wales.

Despite newspaper reports that the prince and princess are close to divorce, The Sunday Telegraph has established that six weeks after the queen's letter asking the prince and princess to consider a speedy divorce, an announcement is many

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that be was going to kill Nicole, Marks said.

Diana fights to keep her title

LONDON - Lawyers acting for Princess Diana are insisting that she will not agree in principle to a divorce until she receives a clear undertaking that she will retain her existing title, "HRH the priocess of

Government sources last week also disclosed that other conditions relating to ber royal status must be resolved before the princess's lawyers, Mishcon de Reya, will agree to enter into formal divorce negotiations with Farrar and Co., who act for Prince Charles.

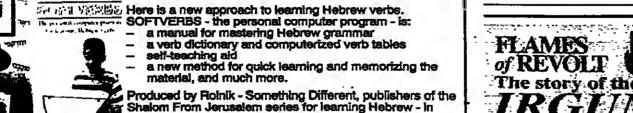
weeks away. Whitehall sources confirmed last

week that there was intense pressure on the princess from Buckingham Palace to agree to a divorce and for a formal announcement to be made about the future intentions of the

prioce and princess. But the princess's lawyers have asked the prince's solicitors to first clarify the princess's future title. Lord Mishcon, the legal firm's figurebead, is understood to have advised the princess that as mother of the future king, she has a special status, and that it would be an insult for Prince William and Prince Harry if their mother was not accorded a suitable royal fitle.

The hiatus on the divorce question, however, is causing some concern at the palace. It had been hoped that the matter could be resolved by March, before the queen's 70th birthday in April.

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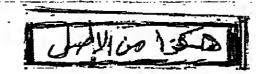


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US President Bill Clinton reaches out to supporters on Sunday during a campagin rally at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. (AP)

Dole in lead on eve of Iowa caucus

AFTER a long, hard-fought campaign that moved out of the farm sheds and outo the airwaves, lowans voted last night in precinct cancuses throughout the state, offering the first. real-signs of how this year's presidential race.

The state's polls over the last few days show. that, among the time Republican candidates, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole maintains a comfortable lead, although he is only drawing the support of less than a third of likely GOP caucus-goers.

Just behind the front-runner is a crowded field, with publishing magnate Steve Forbes who until recently was closing in on Dole - as well as commentator Pat Buchanan, former Tennessee governor Lamar Alexander and Texas Sen. Phil Gramm all battling it out forsecondand third-place showings...

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churches, schools, meeting halls and even homes in the state's 2,142 precincts at 7 p.m., closes a campaign segment noted for its vitriolic tone and its expense.

Forbes' money, \$18 million in the last 90 days of 1995, and millions more so far this year, forced his opponents to try to keep up with his TV and radio ad saturation. "It's an overkill," said Iowa Gov. Terry

Branstad, who supports Dole. Speaking on ABC's This Week With David Brinkley on Sunday, Branstad said Forbes has bought more TV and radio time in the last six weeks than Branstad has in four gubernatorial campaigns.

While the abundance of ads, most of them Yesterday's vote, which took place in disparaging his opponents, quickly catapulted

Forbes to the top tier of candidates, the last week brought signs that his support was begin-

ning to wane. The latest Iowa Poll by the Des Moines Register pointed to a Forbes backlash, with 46 percent of those surveyed saying they now view Forbes in unfavorable terms. That compares with only 26 percent who said they viewed him unfavorably in December.

Although success in the lowa straw poll does not always translate into the GOP nomination - George Bush won the caucuses in 1980, Dole won in 1988 - it is an early sign of the strength of the candidates and generally serves to nar-

It also sets the stage for New Hampshire, where the nation's first presidential primary takes place next Tuesday and where most of the GOP candidates will be heading today.

Detained Serbs to be sent to tribunal

THE two Bosnian Serb officers whose detention has upset Bosnian peacemaking will be sent to the international war crimes tribunal, government sources and NATO officials said yesterday.

There was no immediate confirmation from the tribunal in The Hague. Netherlands, oor any indication whether they were being moved from Sarajevo for indictment or only for continued inves-

Gen. Djorje Djukic and Col. Aleksa Krsmanovic were arrested January 30 by the Moslem-led Bosnian guvernment, which suspects them of war crimes.

Tribunal officials have said there is enough information to warrant holding them for investigation, but they have not been charged. Their detention has angered Bosnian Serbs, provoking them to cut off contacts with the NATO-led peace force and the Bosnian governmeat.

Previously the tribunal has had

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only one suspect in custody, and the transfer of the two ranking officers appeared likely to aggravate the Bosnian Serbs. The tribunal endorsed the arrests of Djukic and Krsmanovic after they occurred.

The US envoy who negotiated the Bosnia peace deal, Richard Holbrooke, traveled to the region over the weekend to try to defuse the situatitm. Bosnia's official BH Press said

the two Bosnian Serb officers were being sent to The Hague, and a senior government official confirmed that, saying they were 10 leave last night. Four other Serbs held by the

government would be released, said the government official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Officials of the NATO-led peace force said they were providing transportation tonight for the two

Reporters saw the two men being taken under armed escort from the prison where they were held, apparently heading for a base of the international peace

Earlier yesterday, the government promised Holbrooke that it would not arrest any more people on suspicion of war crimes without authorization from the international pribunal.

Under the agreement, the Bosnian government is to send a list of suspects to the tribunal. Those certified as suspects can be arrested at will on federation territory, said Mohammed Sacirbey, the government ambassador to the United Nations.

We feel that the better understanding of what we would call rules of the road is now in effect." Holbrooke said of the agreement "And tensions that have risen in recent days should now begin to

Sri Lankan troops rampage

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (Reuter) -Government troops went on the rampage in eastern Sri Lanka over the weekend, killing at least 24 Tamil civilians and wounding more than 25 others, Tamil politicians and some of the wounded said yesterday.

Tamil United Liberation Froot pres ident (TULF) Sivasithamparam and member of parliament Arunasalam Thangathurai said at least 24 civilians, including men, women and children, were killed by sol-

diers in Sunday's attack in the vil-

lage of Kumarapuram in eastern Trincomalee district. Wounded civilians at

Trincomalee hospital told Reuters they saw soldiers break open doors and windows of houses and fire at those inside. "I am informed that the army

broke into houses, pulled persons out, fired indiscriminately and killed more than 25 and caused serious injury to many more, Sivasithamparam, TULF's president said in a letter to president Chandrika Kumaratunga. Sivasithamparam requested the government to set up an impartial commission of inquiry to look into the matter.

Military spokesmen said they had no information of any such attack but army officials privately said the politicians' allegations were true and that 24 civilians had been killed.

They said the attack was believed to be in retaliation for the killing in the same area of two soldiers by the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) the same day a few kilometers from

Hussein: Fahd is doing well

AMMAN (AP) - King Fahd of Saudi Arabia is in good health and "doing extremely well," Jordan's King Hussein said yesterday on his return from the oil-rich king-

The Jordanian monarch did not see the ailing Fahd during his. two-day visit to Saudi Arabia.

Hussein instead met with Crown Prince Abdulian; swhom Fahd on January 1 put in charge of government for an unspecified time while he recoperates from what US officials said was a stroke he suffered last

Hassein, who flew to Saudi Arabia on Sunday, was the second Arab leader after Egypt's Hosni Mubarak to visit the kingdom over the weekend and not see Fahd, a fact that suggests that the Saudi monarch may not have fully. rectivered.

Saudi Arabia, for decades n close US ally, is the world's. biggest oil exporter with a daily. output of 8 million barrels. Any signs of political instability or new economic policies in the vast kingdom are closely watched by world oil markets.

"I did not have the pleasure of seeing him this time," King Hussein told reporters at Amman airport on his return. "But I believe he is in good health, he is recuperating from the condition that all of us were aware of sometime ago.'

I understand he is doing extremely well..."

King Hussein was expected to meet Fahd at Mecca, Islam's holiest city. Fahd moved there last week from Riyadh, the Saudi cap-

The meeting would have sym-



Jordan's King Hussein performs the Umra, a minor pilgrimage in Mecca during his visit to Saudi Arabia on Sunday. (Rema)

bolized the end of a five-year rift refusal to join a US-led coalition force which fought Iraq in the

between the two Arab kingdoms which fell out over Jordan's Sierra Leone national conference

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone (Reuter) - A national conference voted yesterday for multi-party elections in Sterra Leone to go ahead as scheduled on February 26, rejecting calis for polling to be

A total of 56 political parties and civilian groups were in favor of maintaining the election date, while 14 said the military government should first negotiate peace with rebels of the Revolutionary United Front (RUF).

Head of state Brigadier Julius Maada Bio, who ousted the previous military leader in a bloodless coup on January 16, called the con-

sultative conference last week. He made no immediate comment on the decision. Aid donors have urged the government to keep to

the election timetable. Anny chief of staff Brigadier Joy Turay said he might have to conscript more troops in order to fight the rebel war and guarantee security for the elections at the same

"We cannot guarantee security for the elections. We can foresee the need to pass a decree to summarily recruit extra troops for the army," be told the conference.

Of the 14 groups who opposed the February 26 date, two said elections would be feasible in three

backs February 26 election The conference brought together political parties, trade unions, women's organizations, traditional chiefs and representatives of people displaced by the rebel war.

Bio and rebel leader Foday Sankoh agreed in a radio conversation on Saturday to send delegations to Ivory Coast on February 28 to begin peace talks. The RUF sent a message to the conference saying the elections should be postponed. Electoral commission chairman

James Jonah, whose home and offices were attacked by gunmen on Sanurday, said he wanted the election to go ahead to return the country to civilian rule.

A delegate from the People's Democratic Party told the conference that party leader Thaimu Bangura had been dragged out of his car by armed men and beaten on his way to the conference.

"Without lasting peace, not only will the future government find it difficult to govern, but even the true tenets of democracy will be impossible to realize," Bio said in his opening speech.

"The army being an integral part of the destiny of this nation believes in pursuing peace that has been elusive over the years. Now that the opportunity has arisen, we should all recognize the fact that even with a democratically elected civilian government the war will

Security forces manned road blocks around the Bintumani conference center overlooking Freetown's Lumley beach. The city center was virtually deserted and shops were closed.

The rebels, who launched a lowlevel guerrilla campaign in March 1991, are apparently less bostile to Bio than to his predecessor Captain Valentine Strasser. Bio's sister Agnes Jalloh is an RUF The rebels hold no major towns

but ambushes have made much of the interior inaccessible and devastated the mining-based economy. At least 10,000 people have died in the conflict.

Ghana's President Jerry Rawlings, chairman of the Economic Community of West African States, said last month the timing of the vote might be too soon as peaceful elections required dialogue between the government and the rebels.

But thousands of members of women's groups marched through Freetown on Friday demanding that polling take place as planned. The electoral commission says 13 political parties have put up

presidential and parliamentary can-didates for the elections and 1.6 million people have registered to

Report: Algerian forces kill 22 guerrillas killing at least 18 people and injuring about 100 in the capital, PARIS (Reuter) - Security forces

have killed 22 Moslem rebels in five days of operations across Algeria, the Algerian official

news agency APS said yesterday. The official report on the militants came a day after suspected Moslem guerrillas detonated two car bombs within six hours,

APS said three Moslem rebels

armed with shotguns were killed on Thursday when security forces stormed their hideout in an abanduned house in Bougoudene village, some 90 km east of Algiers.

The government forces also freed an unidentified citizen who had been kidnapped and was being held by the three gunmen, it

One suspected guerrilla, hunted down for murder, was shot dead on Friday at el Hattabia suburb in the eastern city of Constantine, the statement went on. Another militant, armed with sawn-off shotgun, was gunned down on Tuesday in Algiers, it

The 17 other guerrillas were killed between Tuesday and

French bishops say condoms necessary in fight against

PARIS (AP) - In a report contradicting Vatican doctrine, the French Bisbops Conference said yesterday that the use of condoms is "necessary" in preventing the spread of AIDS.

'Many competent doctors affirm that a condom of good quality is currently the only method of prevention. In that respect, it is necessary," says the

235-page report says.
"Those responsible for public health, legitimately worried about the spread of AIDS and the cost of treating it, support the use" of condoms, the report

"The Church, suspected of being totally opposed to their use. sees itself accused of working in favor of death," it added.

A spokesman for the bishops conference said in a telephone interview that the report reflects the official policy of the French Catholic Church.

The Rev. Albert Rouet, bishop of Poitier, later elaborated on the

report.
"We said what other bishops had said before us: When an adult, as mature as one can be in this domain, considers he can't do without sexual relations and there is a danger, it's better he use that condom, that's obvious," he told Europe 1 radio. The report, titled, AIDS: Soci-

ety In Question, was written by the social committee of the bishop's conference. Rouet beads the committee. The report was wellreceived by medical experts. Marc Gentilini, the president of

the Catholic committee of French doctors, said the Catholic Church "cannot be against the use of condoms, a method that prevents the transmission of death. Luc Montagnier, the co-discov-

erer of the AIDS virus, also praised the report as "an important evolution." But he pointed out that the bishops cite doctors and public health authorities and do not themselves prescribe the use of condoms.

The Vatican said it had no immediate comment on what apparently is the first time a hishops' conference has contradicted the Pope John Paul II's teaching on the sub-

The pope has insisted that the only weapon against the spread of AIDS is chastity outside marriage and fidelity within the marriage.

Report: Two German scientists sold top secret nuclear data to Iraq

VIENNA (Reuter) - The Heinz Schaab, was involved in um. President Saddam Hussein International Atomic Energy selling nuclear secrets to ordered a crash program to build a Agency (IAEA) confirmed yesterday that two German scientists had sold top secret nuclear data to Iraq to help its bid to manufacture the atomic bomb.
The Vienna-based IAEA said the

experts had played a lesser role, the agency said.

The IAEA was commenting tin a report in the German magazine NuclearFuel which said scientist Bruno Stemmler had sold Baghdad enrichment gas cen-

two scientists were central to Iraq's

clandestine nuclear program. About half a dozen other foreign atomic

trifuge design blueprints to 1988-Last month the magazine reported that another scientist, Karl-

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Gas centrifuges are used to enrich uranium, the key ingredient manufacturing nuclear weapous. The IAEA confirmed that

Stemmler had leaked the top secret data to Iraq before the 1991 Gulf War. After its defeat, allied troops under the aegis of the United Nations forced Iraq to reveal details of its nuclear program.

"Several Germans helped Iraq to get centrifuge technology. One of them is Stemmler, 1AEA spokesman Hans Meyer told

In 1990, Iraq was racing against time to develop centrifuges capa-ble of producing enriched urani-

nuclear device in September 1990. a month after his troops invaded

Kuwait. The IAEA's Meyer said both of the German scientists had provided Iraq with sensitive information, drawings of centrifuge technology and had helped Iraq set it

Both did the same, but Stemmler worked on older models," he said.

Stemmler died in 1995 and Schaab is reportedly on the run. Security sources in Germany said Schaab had gone underground and was presumed to be living in Baghdad, but a separate industry source said be was neither io Germany nor in Iraq.

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The Tibi phenomenon

oess. But it is doubtful the country will be proud of what may be a world first - the political phenomenon known as Ahmed Tibi.

That Tibi, an Israeli citizen, is a talented politician, writer, television personality, and polemicist is indisputable. As a gynecologist who at one time worked at Hadassah Hospital, be became friendly with prominent Israelis. Known to have good connections with Yasser Arafat, he served as a conduit for Knesset members and government officials who wanted to establish contact with Arafat before it could be done openly.

But after the Oslo agreement was signed, Tibi became Arafat's official adviser and his spokesman in Israel. That an Israeli citizen can shape policies for a government still officially committed to Israel's destruction is at the very least anomalous.

True, democracies tend to let their citizens serve other governments and even other armies. But service at the highest political level for an adversary regime, while not necessarily punishable by law, is viewed as disloyal. If an American became an official adviser to, say, the Chinese regime, it is difficult to imagine that be would be welcome at the White House.

Yet Tibi is not only a social, political, and media celebrity in Israel and a welcome guest at government offices. He is oow a leader of a new political coalition - a triple union of his own newly formed party, the Progressive Party for

OTHING seems to delight Israelis more than a manifestation of national uniqueexpected to win at least four seats in the upcoming election.

This, surely, is a unique political phenomenon. Tibi defines himself as a Palestinian who happens to have Israeli citizenship. His allegiance to Arafat is complete. And yet he will most likely be able to decide the fate of the Jewisb state. If today's polls are at all indicative of the election results, there will again be a tie between pro-Oslo and anti-Oslo forces in the Knesset, and Tibi's party may hold the balance of power.

Perhaps the saddest aspect of this absurdity is that it is not really new. Tibi happens to be an Arafat official, so his affiliation is known. But the Hadash Party and the two Arab parties in the Knesset are no different. They toe the PLO line the way Communist parties in the West used to follow Moscow's policies. Yet without these parties the Oslo 2 agreement would not have heen approved by the Knesset.

That Tibi or the current Arab parties in the Knesset are Arabs is not the problem. All citizens of Israel are entitled to be represented in the Knesset, and there are Arabs in other parties whose right to affect Israel's fate is unimpeachable. What makes these parties different is that their allegiance is not to Israel, but to a dictatorial police state whose goals are anathema to the state. That they can determine the oation's future makes a mockery both of Zionism and

A congressman's complaint

OLICE brutality is so prevalent it hardly makes news. In major American cities the beatings of suspects on the street and in lockups are commonplace, but the vast majority of these never become known. If the beating of Rodney King by the Los Angeles police made headlines throughout the world, it was only because an amateur video photographer documented it and because it ultimately caused a.

blood-drenched riot.
Such brutality is prevalent in democracies mostly where racial and ethnic tensions are endemic. Explosive tensions, which make police work particularly dangerous, seem to create a culture of violence among law enforcers.

In Israel, too, severe tensions are the oorm. Much police work is life-threatening, and the ocrvousness policemeo sometime display is eminently understandable. But that they sometimes let this anxiety get out of control, and that they routinely violate the law and indiscriminately brutalize everyone in their path, is a blot on the country's character and a threat to its integrity and credibility as a democracy.

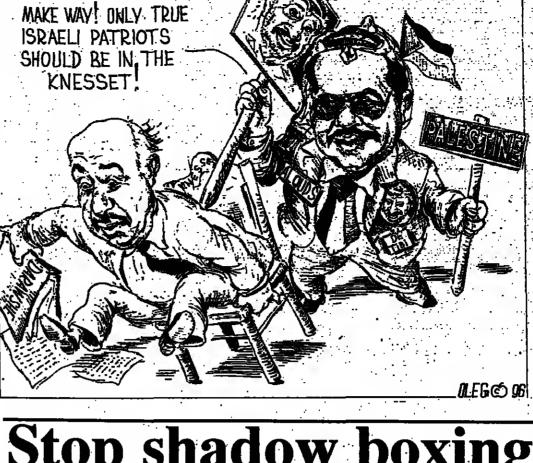
Generalizations are, of course, as dangerous as they are unjust. Most policemen are disciplined, hard-working, and law-abiding public servants. But there are too many incidents in which officers are involved, and too many cover-ups of police outrages. One cannot escape the suspicion that there is tolerance of police brutality - if not actual encouragement and approval at the top of the force and the Internal Security

Right-wing activists, whose demonstrations

have been targeted by the police in the past two years, charge that the brutality is political. But the treatment of Chinese workers in last week's demonstratioo in Tel Aviv, and the following description of Israeli police conduct by US Congressman James Moran (Democrat-Virginia), who was in Jerusalem to observe the Palestinian elections, should disabuse them of this

"A young Palestinian was pushed past mg with his arm twisted behind him by a bluecoated policeman. Although I didn't witness any resistance, he must have said or done something that caused another policeman to ram a billy club under his neck, then another policeman hit him and another and another ... The image that is still the most riveting was the sight of the unarmed youth, defenselessly held oo the ground while police officers armed with guns and clubs climbed over the backs of each other to land their blows on his body ... I witnessed the police laughing and making self-congratula-

tory gestures after the beating."
In this case, Congressman Moran filled the role of the camera in the Rodney King beating. He related the incident to Prime Minister Shimon Peres and was promised an investigation. But even if the guilty are punished, the problem will not disappear. If Israel wishes to call itself a civilized country, it will have to do more than resolve one transgression. Only a thorough investigation of the Internal Security Ministry and the police force by a state commission can begin to address the issue of police brutality



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Tith elections around the corner, the Likud is W heing forced, albeit reluctantly, to accommodate itself to the reality of the Oslo agreements, which, according to polls, now enjoy the support of some 60 percent of Israelis. Even Ehud Olmert has stated that his party will start negotiating at the point where the present government leaves off.

At the same time, opposition teader Binyamin is in the position nf having to prove

that his party's policy on final-status negotiations, regarding issues like autonomy, Palestinian statehood, and the settlements, differs fundamentally from the Labor-Meretz program. Above all, the Likud must show that it is the only party that can be trusted to "save" Jerusalem both from Yasser Arafat and from from Prime Minister Peres.

But does Jerusalem need "saving" from Shimon Peres? In t-ecent statements, Peres's position was that "Jerusalem will not be on the negotiating table with the Palestinians at any time in the future. Jerusalem in the past was only the capital for the Jews, and it is first-class nonsense to create something like Berlin." And "Israel's agreement to the Oiso accords was intended to remove Jerusalem from any negotiations. [Other] compromises are necessary in order to avoid the need for

compromises over Jerusalem." Such talk is, of course, totally for whom the city has been "united" hy force since 1967. So whatever the nature of the informal. academic talks on Jerusalem now being conducted with the Palestinians, it looks as if in its public stance on the future of the

t is a bedrock axiom of

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capital, the Labor party is trying to out-Likud the Likud. Jerusalem is, after all, part of a wider scene. If, as intellectuals from both sides have noted, the problem of Jerusalem stems from its symbolic role as "the fullest articulation of the emotions and prejudices people have toward the sum of issues comprising the entire conflict," a way must be found to defuse those issues one by one, so that the conflict as a whole can begin to assume a

Shared sovereignty in Jerusalem. It's the only rational way

tractable shape. Jerusalem can then be approached like other issues which lend themselves to a

BOTH sides are engaging in a sort of shadowboxing. Israel continues to harass the Palestinians and confront the Europeans at Orient House; Palestinians register 10,000 properties of theirs in west Jerusalem. (According to Meron Benvenisti, about a quarter of the property in west Jerusalem at the end of the unacceptable to Palestinians, Mandate belonged to including 150,000 Jerusalemites Palestinians, and about 60 percent, if one includes land annexed to the Jewish sector of Jerusalem after 1948. However one views Jerusalem's future, Benvenisti correctly points out that such legacies of the past can-

Oslo negotiator Yair Hirschfeld has written that negotiators must "check many, many possibilities of how to hridge gaps. It is important that you discuss matters in an easy atmosphere, where you can easily retreat from posi-

In the public eye, Peres appears deliberately to be doing the very opposite over Jerusalem. Just as Begin gave up Sinai in order, as he thought, to save the West Bank, so Peres is prepared for compromise on other issues in order to save Jerusalem.

The West Bank was nevertheless lost. Israel, which has enjoyed a Jewish majority for the last 150 years, is not going to lose Jerusalem - but in the end it is going to have to find ways and means of sharing sovereignty there with the Palestinians.

Comparisons with Berlin are irrelevant, but it is pertinent to point out that in the eyes of the world, Jerusalem is a unique city where exclusive Jewish control is untenable if it denies the legitimate rights of a third of its residents, who maintain their own religious as well-as national-loy-

alties. With all the complications involved, therefore, the most acceptable principled solution is going to be Jerusalem as the capital of two states.

Party politics have their ownnorms, particularly in election periods; yet to declare that there will be no negotiations over sponsible. Elections come and go, but without a commitment to continuous political discourse with our neighbors, talk of a new Middle East has a hollow ring.

The author is co-managing editor of the Palestine-Israel Journal.

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rime Minister Peres is seeking, by sheer will, to transform the Middle East from a war-torn, strife-ridden region filled with hatred into a vibrant, economic, democratic, confederation of states in which Israel will play a vital role. His goal is the creation of a regional community of nations... modeled on the European Community."

One of the main challenges is the growing threat of Islamic fundamentalism, which Peres sees as the chief danger facing the region. To counter this threat, he prescribes the development of institutional democratization," accompanied by the "modernization" of the region.

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According to Peres, democratization is the solution to ending violence in the region, and "economic and social development are the criteria for successful democratization of the Middle East."

Unfortunately, the historical and empirical foundations upon which Peres has constructed his vision are fatally flawed. Trying to model the Middle East after the European Community is a naive and spurious venture.

. Today's European Community rose from the rubble of a continent devastated by a world war. It was built on the massive influx of economic support from the US. These countries were united against a common threat, the Soviet Union, in a bipolar world. Moreover, the US exercised benign hegemonic control over Western Europe and compelled these countries, through political and military leadership, to sup-press their individual animosities toward each other. Finally, the countries of Western Europe have experienced democracy for at least 50 years.

Consequently, they have had the opportunity to inculcate the democratic values necessary for them to eschew violence as a viable option to resolve their differences.

Unfortunately, today's Middle East lacks any of the criteria needed to draw parallels between the two regions. Unlike Europe of 1945, the main belligerents in any potential future regional conflict have their armies intact. Not attraction will be a that

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having experienced the level of World War II, the countries of the Middle East have not forsaken the use of force as a viable option for conflict resolution.

Peres sees the rise and proliferation of Islamic fundamentalism as the common threat to the region. However, many of the countries in the region view Israel as the main threat to the region. Their adamant stand against allowing Israel to join the coalition in the Gulf War vividly illustrated that the Arab states are still united in their opposition to Israel.

While the US is currently playing an active role in the "peace process," this participation may be ephemeral. The US is in the process of defining its role in a new unipolar world. It is quite likely that its enormous monetary deficit and internal social problems may lead it to reduce its involvement in international dis-Dutes.

That Peres sees democracy as the panacea for all the region's problems reflects his pervasive ethnocentric attitude. While Israel may embrace democracy as a preferred model, a great many Arabs reject the notion. Many view democracy as an alien element used by the US to subjugate

The struggle between Islamic fundamentalism and democracy is in its embryonie stages. Until it is resolved, any movement toward modernization and economic union is premature.

To achieve peace, Peres says, "the basic problems of the Middle East need to be approached realistically."

Realistically: While Peres talks peace, Arafat talks jihad; while Peres talks of economic integration, the Arabs talk of the US 's attempts to exert begemonie control through its proxy Israel.

While Israelis hold peace rallies and put peace stickers on their cars, Palestinian children wear pins showing a Palestinian state encompassing Israel.

This is the reality of the Middle East today, and no amount of wishful thinking or visionary dreaming will change it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SPEED LIMITS

Sir, - The recent report that the minister of transport intends to raise the speed limit to 100 km/h on interurban highways should fill all caring people with anxiety and foreboding. A public outcry is needed to change this foolish decision which will only aggravate the terrible current carnage on the roads.

The Livneh committee appointed

by the minister to investigate the matter did not contain a single representative of the distinguished scientists opposed to any increase in the speed limit. But even this committee recommended the following: 1. Within cities where the normal

speed limit is 50 km/h, special zones should be created near schools and other places of congregation where the limit is reduced to 30 km/h. 2. On well-constructed fast inter-

urban roads, the speed limit should normally be 110 km/h, but reduced to 100 km/h or lower where the simation requires it. 3. For recommendation 2 to be adopted, it is essential that a mas-

sive effort be made to establish a proper enforcement procedure. The minister ignored recommendation I which would undoubtedly have saved lives. Nothing was done Jerusalem.

about the essential preliminary recommendation 3; but recommendation 2 was introduced as an "experiment" on selected roads and led to a disastrous overall increase in road deaths. The minister's claim to the contrary was convincingly rebutted by Dr. Eli Richter at a recent conference organized by the road safety

were told in detail how road deaths in the UK have been cut by 30 percent during the past decade, and that parallel results bave been achieved in Holland, Denmark and Anstralia. By contrast, despite promises by distinguished Israeli statesmen that something would be done to reduce the road carnage, the number of road deaths in Israel during the same period has tragically increased.

of what is needed.

TRAVEL SUPPLEMENT

Sir, - When readers were invited to participate in a survey in order to have some influence in the choice of subject for the Thursday supplement, I do not think that we expected that it would take the form of yet another syndicated package.

The Chicago Sun-Times travel supplement is neither interesting nor of relevance to most readers in Israel. I had hoped that this feature

group, Metuna.

Participants at this conference

It is now clear what action can lead to real progress - initiating a detailed program comparable to that of the UK. The British experts who participated in the conference will be delighted to provide guidance; they will tell the minister that increasing speed limits is the opposite CYRIL DOMB

would provide an opportunity to expand the travel tips of Haim Shapiro, provide useful Israeli tourism information, bring back the hiking trails of Aviva Bar-Am and perhaps use free-lance articles on interesting travel experiences which were planned and hudgeted from a source

WENDY BLUMFIELD

'BLACK BLOOD'

Sir, - As the State of Israel and American Jews evolve and develop m their own distinct ways, it often seems as if we have less and less in common and can go for increasingly longer periods of functional indifference — until something comes along to remind us that things aren't so simple.

In the case of the by now widely known decision not to use "black hlood," the policy was set to meet administrative convenience and budgetary constraints. Apparently few if any voices addressed the pos sibility of a violent reaction by Ethiopian Jews in Israel and I doubt that anybody even raised the potential impact of the policy on American

American Jews are puzzled and increasingly concerned about the blatant and vicious antisemitism expressed by the radical racist Black extremists. We have often pointed to Israel's reaching out and taking-in the Jews of Ethiopia to deny the idea that Zionism is racism and to argue that Jews come in all colors. I don't have to dwell on how the black (and other) antisemites are using these revelations and the widely broadcast pictures of the January 28 riot at the Prime Minister's Office.

As the sole Jewish state in the world, Israel's actions will always impact positively or negatively on the Jews of the Diaspora. The welfare or comfort level of Diaspora Jews may not - and cannot - be the primary concern of a Jewish state, but nor should they be ignored. In this case, a concern for he potential impact of the blood policy on American Jews might have saved Israeli Jews a lot of pain.

Jerusalem.

GILBERT KOLLIN

It's their economy, CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

at Russian "assurances" of continu-

ing reform, the US has been its

Why? That just makes it complic-

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Russia policy is

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it and easily blamed for the misery that since 1992 has accompanied

Russia's post-Soviet reforms. And it

ers by making them look sub-

THE Clinton administration seems

unable to understand the basic point

about Russia: It's their economy,

stupid! If they want to wreck it fur-

ther, that is their business. Why

should the US shoulder any blame

for the barsh measures necessary to

unremitting advocate.

not be discounted.)

America's policy toward Russia that it wants economic reform to succeed. It is time to ask: Why? The usual answer is this: Because istration been doing on Russia polieconomic liberation leads to politicy? For three years now, bectoring the Russians on the imperative of cal liberation, market economics produce democracy.

But this proposition is no law of economic reform. From Clinton's pushing the free market in his Moscow State University speech to his recent expression of satisfaction history. It is a contingent fact. It

happened in Chile, for example, but not in China. Democracy depends on many things, including - it should not surpuse us - the political culture of a nation. And the political culture of Russia stretching back as far as the eye can see is not encouraging. Until 1992 it

was a story of centuries of authoritarianism interrupted in 1917 for a nine-month experiment in democra-cy - anarchy, really - that produced Bolshevik rule. Then just two months ago, less than four years after the fall of com-

munism, the Russian people in free elections put their parliament in the hands of Communists and fascists. In the coming June presidential elections, they will likely return a Communist ruler to the Kremlin. And even if the Communists don't win, what can we expect from Boris Yeltsin? He has already adopted much of the hardline foreign pol-

icy of the "nationalist" camp - not just unleashing brutality in Chechnya, but fomenting civil war in Georgia, planting Russian military bases in Armenia and Georgia. grabbing for control of Azerbaijan's Caspian Sea oil, preparing to swallow a complaint Belarus. Indeed. Russia's declared policy toward the Commonwealth of Independent States is to force CIS "integration" i.e. Russian hegemony, on all the countries of the Old Soviet Union.

Yeltsin has a new foreign minister to fit the new foreign policy: a for-mer head of the KGB whose last diplomatic mission was an attempt to undermine the US-led ano-Saddam coalition of 1991. As for economics, Yeltsin has just fired his cabinet's last market reformer. What then has the Clinton admin-

Moreover - no American official will say this, but let's hope at least some of them think it - with Russia headed on a retrograde political course, it is in the US's interest that their economy not recover. If a country's leadership and electorate are both demonstrating a return to a

prevent the wreckage?

more interventionist, adversarial foreign policy, why should the US wish that country a healthy, powerful economy? The US once wished for a quick transition to a market economy that would transform Russia into a warm, friendly, domesticated power. Today, only the hopelessly naive can deny that the opposite is

happening. In which case, why does the US want to see the Russian economy strengthened? If it wants to subsidize inefficient factories, renationalize industry, inflate the ruble - why should the US stop them? If that is what they choose, it is,

first of all, their right. Second, it is to the US's advantage. The collapse of the original Soviet empire was made possible by the fact that communism ruined the very economic engine needed to sustain an empire. Why should the US want a rebuilt economic engine powering a renewed Russian quest for domin-China should be an object lesson

of where US Russia policy is headed. In China, market reforms have produced an explosively growing economy but no democracy. (The newest Beijing project: a politically censored internet.) Instead, China's increasing wealth is fueling the rapid growth and modernization of tarnishes genuine Russian reformits military - muscle that China is using. U.S. intelligence reports that servient to foreign (read: American) China is right now planning war games in the Formosa Straits to intimidate Taiwan and disrupt free

elections scheduled for March 23. China is showing what can emerge from a combination of authoritarian rule and a relatively free, growing economy: a rising, threatening power much like turnof-the-century Germany. Such a power, as we learned bitterly in two world wars, is not easily contained.

Russia is headed on a course of authoritarianism at home, domination abroad. If the Russians want equally to choose the road to economic penury, why should the US want them to stop? Far better an economically weak Russia ruled by the Communists or the reformerpurged clique around Yeltsin than a vibrant economy providing the fuel for Russia's renewed ambitions.

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unknown stock - his own future as a singer. That stock has since shot way up in value as there is now one: of the world's leading countertenors. Six years after his local

debut, he is returning to Israel for

two recitals. Chance, 40 and the father of two, vividly remembers that previous appearance, in Handel's oratorio Belshazzar with the Stuttgart Chamber Choir and the Israel Chamber Orchestra.

"I got a big thrill at the time," said Chance in a phone interview. from his home, after rehearsals for the premiere of a new production of Handel's opera Semele at the Royal Opera House Covent

Singer's Chance-y move pays off Garden. "After all, the story of were affected by that," he that oratorio was about the explains. "But today sometimes rebuilding of the city of Jerusalem, and there I. was in merzos with a bigger range. I love Jerusalem itself sort of singing it singing Handel, but we can only On site." While the countertenor litera-

ture tends to be associated with the castrati of the 17th and 18th centuries, Chance argues that the only music written specifically for them is by modern composers, such as Philip Glass and

Benjamin Britten.
"It may be that the castrati sounded more ferminine. It was the sound of a woman with the appearance of a man, and people

these parts are better sung by go so far to recreate the full range

of what was expected at the time." The countertenor is not, that is with a capital N, a feminine voice, he argues.

I couldn't say it is like a woman's voice, nor is it a man's voice," he says, "I make it sound natural, to have as many colors and hear the text as clearly as possible. Handel's music is more dramatic and feminine, Bach's more

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Every man is capable of singing faisetto, if trained, he says.

"It's like when you blow a recorder with more air than normal and you hear a squeaky tone." be explains. "That's what happens with the falsetto voice."

As much as the future of the countertenor is in contemporary music. Chance is not that keen about one of the major countertenor roles of the 20th century, that of Oberon in Britten's A Midsummer Night's Dream.

"It's exciting to be part of a

developing and enlarging and improving repertoire. But as for Oberon, I have done it in three productions, but the nature of the writing is so that it makes the voice sexless and disembodied and not of this world. It's one way of looking at Oberon, but not the only way.

Actually Chance's favorite role is that of the mythical Orfeo in Gluck's Orfeo ed Euridice.

"With Orfeo you can be very much a live human being in love. he's more down to earth, be is a role I would always want to perform.

Chance understands that in this

music concert series - Chance will perform a program focusing on Monteverdi and Purcell. business "people are competitive, of course they are. But I'm deter-

He will also sing the famous aria from Handel's Rinaldo, featured in the film Forinelli, which is about the life of a famous cas-

trato. But he maintains that he will

probably put in some contempo-

sport team. We are all vulnerable rary material as well. on stage, there's a risk of making "It won't be just Handel and a fool of ourselves, so we bener Purcell, I'll do some 20th-century music as well, maybe Britten or even a few jazz songs which I like able for each and every one of to do very much," he says.

Chance will also give a master class at the Jerusalem Music Center next Wednesday and Thursday. Next Wednesday evening at the same locale, Chance and Cole are to present an illustrated lecture.

Cave: Killing us softly

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TIRZAH AGASSI

here is something original about exploring bumanity's underbelly with rich harmonies and a jolly swing. But a wbole album!?

Murder Ballads (NMC), the new CD hy Nick Cave and The Bad Seeds, features such snarlingly sung lyrics as: "They found Mary Bellows cuffed to the bed/ With a rag in her mouth and a bullet in her

Interestingly enough, the alternative-music effete are far more put off by how melodic Cave is getting than by his revolting lyrics. In the past, Cave has been both innovative and affecting with pieces like The Weeping Song and the weindly moving album Let Love In (NMC). If his motivation on this latest work is to break into the mainstream, he seems to have taken his predilection for gloom and doom and honed it into a good

Murder Ballads. Now there's a marketable "concept." And how better to assure MTV exposure. than to team up with fellow Australian Kylie Minogue. It's a marvel of mutual backscratching. Cute Kylie proves that she's a "serious" artist, whereas Nick

old-fashioned gimmick.

proves that he can be big.

The duet called "Where The Wild Roses Grow," with its insh strings and old-fashioned, balladic imagery, is indeed the most listener-friendly song on the album.

The pleasant music/gruesome lyrics formula continues throughout the albam. Cave, the Bad Seeds, and guests like Anita Lane (who does some great backup weeping) are masterful musicians who often manage to remind one of the Doors on "Rider On The Rain," But for all its mix of drive and dreaminess, the album lacks the compassion that made madman Morrison a classic.

Only PJ Harvey's rather lovely vocal on the pretty duet "Henry Lee," in which a spurned woman



Nick Cave's lyrics are as gruesome as ever, but his melodies are definitely getting stronger.

manages to haunt Otherwise, Cave tends to drone.

But all is not lost Down Under. Nick and Kylie may be coldly tarting themselves up for mass consumption. But the Australian drag queens and transsexual of The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert still have their bearts in the right place. Over a year after

(you guessed it) kills the guy, the film first hit local screens, it is who stayed home that it is the latstill playing and the soundtrack (Helicon) is selling like a Top Ten

The music on this album is campy, romantic, radio kitsch. But within these parameters, it is also message music. Charlene opens with "I've Never Been To Me." in which a woman who has searched for freedom tells the little woman

ter path that leads to happiness. The Village People sing to gay boys all over the world that they should "Go West," presumably to the Mecca of San Francisco, Gloria Gaynor belts out the inspirational "I Will Survive," which also gets a dance remix. Abba does "Marnma Mia" and there are two versions of

"Shake Your Groove Thing."

Al Pacino gets a co-star he just couldn't refuse

A l Pacino is absorbing, always absorbing. "Acting comes out of chaos,"

he says, talking with his hands. "You have to always be open for new stuff to happen, always keeping the antennae out, so it's not so much this the holds his hands up like hlinders) as it's that [swinging his arms wide] so you can then select and make the right choice."

Becoming a thirsty sponge is only half the battle, though Then you have to know when to squeeze it, Pacino says, using his lone Academy Award-winning performance as an example,

He recalled how in Scent of a Woman, a lieutenant colonel taught him how to assemble and disassemble a .45-caliher gun

"I would do it in the dark," be says, absentmindedly running his fingers through spiky black hair. "You had to be able to take the/gun apart and put it hack together again in 45 seconds, and once I got it right be went, 'Hoo-

"So that's where that thing came from," he says of his signature exclamation in the film. "You're always open, to wbatever. The antennae are out."

Dressed completely in black, Pacino, 55, looks every bit the downtown artist, except for the glittering pile of gold chains dangling from his neck in tribute to his Bronx roots. He slurps weak room-service cappuccino and fidgets all over the couch discussing his life, his work and Heat, an explosive crime drama co-starring Robert De Niro. [The film opens here over the week-

"It's big," he says, talking with his hands again, shooting them out wide. "I was very impressed. I didn't expect the kind of elcgance it got"

In Heat, Pacino's elite police team tracks De Niro's elite armed robbery crew. There's no shortage of electricity, no shortage of fireworks. His highly

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mined to have a good time and

have fun. The hasis of all this is to

agree to play together rather like a

stick together and make it enjoy-

In his coming recitals in Israel.

accompanied by Maggie Cole on the harpsichord - next Thursday

at the Henry Crown Symphony

Hall in Jerusalem and two days

later at the Noga Theater in Jaffa

as part of the Authentica early

anticipated work with De Niro, although limited to three scenes, was worth the wait for Pacino. "l've known him a long ome.

Over the years I've grown very fond of him, of his work and as a person, 100," Pacino says, speaking carefully, like only the perfect combination of words will do. "Your relationship with other actors has a real effect on the way you perfurm because you have to have a trust there, or you build one. That's part of what the

"With Bobhy I felt as though I was playing with a relative hecause I've known him so long. We've had intimate talks. Not that we tend to socialize - hardly at all. But there's a thing there, a mutual like. So that helped things. We didn't rehearse. I'd never worked with him before hut it felt like I'd been wurking with him for a long, long time. It must be trust."

The two actors co-starred in The Godfother Port II, but had no scenes together since De Niro appeared only as a young Vito Corleone (Marlon Brando) in flashback footage, while Pacino played Corleone's grown son,

Pacino also can be seen playing a wizened grandfather in Two Bits opposite Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio, and he's the mayor of New York in City Hall, due out this month. His next film shoot is Donnie Brasco with Johnny Depp. "Busy, busy, busy," Pacino

says with a big grin, happily rub-Obviously, he's having a great day. He bubbles over when asked about his early bohemian days in Greenwich Village. "We had the theater," he says,

emphasizing the word like he's saying eternal life.

There was this energy. It was a very fruitful time, a very rich time and I've never quite felt

that again. Even with all the success that came." Pacino's greatness wasn't self-

taught. Before winning acceptance to the Actors' Studio to work with the legendary Lee Strasberg, he studied with Chartes Laughton at the Herbert Berghof Studio.

He calls the British acting giant "Charlie, my dear friend and mentor."

"I think mainly what Charlie did was he introduced me to different worlds, primarily the world of books I didn't have access to growing up in the South Bronx," he says.
"A kind of education was hap-

pening, a formal one, where before it was informal. He exposed me to all kinds of different ways of seeing things - great writing, music, all the great stuff. And I spent years with him, absorbing that kind of stuff."

Absorbing, always absorbing. Langhton died in 1962. Four years later Pacino's entrance to the all-scholarship Actor's Studio hrought more than peer acceptance, it brought another deep friendship.

Lee and I became very close later, because we worked together," Pacino says of the famed drama teacher who died in 1982 and who appeared in The Godfather Part II.

"You know, he was this icon, and it was wonderful to go the Actors' Studio but I was kind of afraid for him to even see me at first. I used to stand in the back.

"And then I got to know him as a fellow actor and that changed everything because we were in the trenches together. We

became tremendously close Pacino, who bas won two Tony awards, received seven Oscar , nominations (The Godfother, Serpico, The Godfother Part II. Dog Day Afternoon, ... and Justice for All, Dick Tracy and Glengarry Glen Ross.) before finally breaking through with Scent of a Woman in 1992.

Orgad, spiritual master still

oncerts dedicated to a single composer are rare events in our musical life. and so thanks must go to pianist Zecharia Plavin for organizing such an evening in Ben-Zion Orgad's bonor. It's a pity that financial and organizational constraints limited the evening almost exclusively to piano music.

The seven compositions presented reveal a synthesis of three dimensions: the highly personal; the Jewish; and the musical contemporary dimension. All of the soloists were clearly performing a labor of love. The program included: Maftir

(1994), performed by Plavin; Gesture No. I (1984), Miriam Shemiunok; Gesture No. 2 (1984), Ofra Yitzhaki; Toccata (1995), Allon Goldstein; Varations on C (1961), Plavin; and one of Orgad's masterpieces, Reshuyot (1978), Plavin. Orgad's piano music is narrative

and declamatory and seems to be untered by one leading the prayers in a synagogue. This sheliah tribur prays, mourns, protests, or seems temporarily constrained into subservience, only to cry our shortly afterwards with vehemence in highly dramatic gestures.

The musical language, however, is unmistakably contemporary. Moving between the tonal, atonal and modal, organized in homophonic or contrapuntal textures. Orgad retains the melody as a basic element. But this melody is embedded in an barmonic language which alternates between aggressive dissonance and soothing consonance. The character of Orgad's contemporary music reaches beyond regional or communai roots.

Orgad, who will be 70 this year, is a unique phenomenon in the history of Israeli music. No other composer active here has been able to express the Jewish essence and spiritual heritage as he has-

The cantata And this is the Blessing was admirably performed by a children's choir (the Cantabile Choir conducted by Eva Pitnik), piano (Eyal Ba'at), trumpet (Ram Oren), and three

CONCERT ROUNDUP

and Shira Carmon. Tel Aviv Museum, February 8.

Benjamin Bar-Am

Mark Kopytman's Cantus for

oboe with the orchestra. Both seem to be engaged in an ongoing love-hate relationship in which the oboe is striving for supremacy, its clear, penetrating melodic motifs pitted against the heterophonic, nebulous textures of the strings, until the strings' assertive pizzicato sounds cause the oboe's self-confidence to crumble temporarily.

Gabriele Bukowski, ficiency.

In Mozart's Piano Concerto No.

Rickenbacher is a conductor the world, never rushing his tempi, and tending, against currently prevailing fashions, to emphasize the moderato that qualifies the opening Allegro. The commendable results are clear articulation that contributes plas-

This approach made Stravinsky's Concerto in D for strings sound almost romantic, thus increasing the poignancy of occasional mischievous twists and turns. Jerusalem Theater, February &

Ury Eppstein

soloists, soprano Shosh Lagil and mezzo-sopranos Shira Schweizer

oboe and chamber orchestra, conducted by Karl Anton Rickenbacher from Switzerland. in its first performance was the center of interest in the Rehovot Camerata's Subscription Concert.

The work explores the manifold possibilities of contrasting the

Camerata's principal oboist, performed the solo part with conviction and formidable technical pro-

27, soloist Obad Ben-Ari presented a well-shaped, and aesthetic, though not necessarily exciting. rendition of the work.

who seems to have all the time in ticity and lucidity.

COMMEMORATION of Oded Shur, former principal of the

Rubin Music Academy's High

School, its students and some of

its teachers presented a Winter Concert of music and dance.

What was particularly attractive about this program was its variety and the fact that it was performed mostly by seventh- to 12th-grade pupils. Some of their outstanding talents were matched only by their enthusiasm and obvious joy in playing, singing and dancing.

From a sensitively rendered Mirror for piano by Ravel to a rarely beard Humorous Scherzo for bassoon quarter by Prokofiev. an imaginatively improvised piano piece by Miles Davis, and a fresh, poignantly syncopating saxophone ensemble, the performances were amazingly accurate and, more importantly, enjoyable,

spirited, and lively. The pure clear voices of singers from the Encore Girls Cboir directed by Daphna Ben-Yohanan, in a selection from Faure's Requiem, were a pleasure

The dancers moved elegantly, in Schubert's spirit, to the sounds of his Symphony No. 3, played by the school's and the conservatory's orchestra conducted by Yevgeni Tsirlin, and went through some audaciously modernist motions in choreographies by Nina Timofeva and Moshe Kedem.

Jerusalem Theater, February 7. Ury Eppstein

Adam and Eve speak Yiddish, naturally

HUMASH LIEDER

By Itzik Manger, Hebrew commentary, Haim Heffer, Direction, Shrutel Bunin, Set and Costumes, Audrey Berguer, Music, Dabi Zeitzer, Lighting, Yehiel Orgal, Yaldishspiel, the Israel Yiddish Thehur, Ar ZOA House, Tel Aviv. Hebrew title, Hamash Lieder.

Gadi Yagii Anat Atamon

ith this revival of Itzik Manger's classic come-dy Yiddishpiet offers

NAOMI DOUDAI

yet another evening's entertainment that may be enjoyed by all. This time around there is an intriguing Hebrew annotation that belps to keep non-Yiddish speakers in the picture. It is narrated with great verve hy Gadi Yagil.

who also figures in the main role.

His Adam is a bright and breezy

personification of what to most of

us has hitherto been a dry biblical

stereotype. His portrait of the Father of Mankind is fult of life and altogether freilich. Also greatly to his credit is the excellent diction with which he pays homage to the intrinsic beau-

ties of Manger's fine Yiddish. Playing opposite him as Eve, Anat Atzmon makes a truly fetching figure of teasing femininity. As Hagar, the casting of Haya

Samir - an Israeli Arab with an

extraordinary singing voice is an intriguing choice, justified by her outstanding performance. Nurit Banai serves as her understudy with great charm, too.

Set, costumes, and singing are all higher than Yiddishpiel's usual standard, as easy on the eye as on the ear. With Audrey Bergner's shtetl-inspired centerpiece, a focal point that independently registers a dramatic kind of visual poetry, and Shawel Bunin's direction as accomplished as usual, this is a show worth watching.

The spotlight falls on three choreographers

DORA SOWDEN

ith all offits sophistica-tion and charm, the Mark Morris Dance Group's second program at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center on Fehruary 7 did not have the thrust and pull of the first.

True, Morris himself danced a clever solo, Three Preludes, to music by Gershwin. In a black suit with white gloves and white socks that were the focus of movement in the dim light, he held the stage. Yet the program as a whole - live chorus, solo voices, players, and all - did not provide as strong a

sense of delight.
Somebody's Coming to See Me Tonight did have a folksy fascination, stimulated by Stephen Foster's songs.

MEMORY OF TREES

The Office, performed to Dvorak's Bagarelles Op. 47, had lively moments and rigid tension while people waited to be interviewed (presumably). Grand Duo, with Lou Harrison's weird invendons for violin and piano (Eckart

A PREMIERE last week

Lorenzen and Linda Dowdeltl.

was splendidly buoyant and the

dancing was excellent, the best of

the evening.

(February 8) at the Suzanne Dellal Theater in Tel Aviv offered works hy two guest choreographers: British Paul Selwyn Norton and Finnish Tero Saarinen. They could hardly have contrasted more and the Batsheva Company couldn't

have been in better form.

Saarinen's Flock, created for the Batsheva Company over a year ago, could count as a premiere. The impressive piece, set to music by the Polish composer Henryk Gorecki, seemed to be inspired by the movement of penguins. It was brilliantly vivid and even chilling, especially when the nine dancers moved in formation.

Norton's work. The Rogue Tool, newly created for the Batsheva Company, suggested in its gyrations a certain silliness that it would be disrespectful to interpret It had roguish humor too. The drollery was enhanced by the music specially composed and played by guitarist Fred Frith, who was present and gave a recital afterwards, though the dancers performed to recorded music.

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Trade deficit up, reversing trend

The National Trade Deficit

Iraq urges action against

firms over Turkey dams

DAMASCUS (AP) - Iraq and Syria are considering taking action against European companies which are belping Turkey build dams on the Euphrates River, a senior Iraqi official disclosed yesterday.

"Among these measures is to deprive the French, British, Italian,

Austrian, and Belgian companies which implement these dams of any

projects that could become available in Syria or Iraq," Abdul-Sattar

Turkey plans to reduce the flows of the Euphrates and the Tigris River

to divert their waters for hydroelectric and irrigation projects. The rivers

originate in Turkey, but are vital sources of water for Syria and Iraq.

Salman told reporters after water crisis talks bere.

THE trade deficit in January rose to \$1.05 hillion, after showing a downward trend in November and Exports totaled just above \$1 hillion in January. Including dia-December, the Central Bureau of monds this figure jumped to Statistics reported yesterday. Excluding diamond and oil

has slowed down over the last

October, the trade deficit fell to

\$613m. and \$506m. in November

and December respectively. indi-

cating an average 0.7 percent monthly for the Octoher-December period.

In January last year the trade

deficit, excluding oil and dia-

After hitting \$919m. in

quarter of 1995.

Imports in January totaled \$2.6b., with diamond and oil imports, the trade deficit totaled totaling \$0.5b., or 21% of all The hureau stressed, however, imports. that the deficit's pace of increase

Raw materials comprised 49% of imports, machinery and transportation and communication equipment came to 17%, and consumer goods totaled 13%.

Imports of consumer goods increased by 1.7% in the last quarter of 1995.

Some 30% of all exports, or \$0.5h., were diamonds, 63% were industrial goods and 6% were agricultural items.

Osem falls 4.75% after investor revealed

OSEM Industries plunged 4.75 percent on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE) yesterday as disappointed investors reacted to reports that the Renaissance Fund is the mysterious investor that purchased the company's stock in an off-market transaction last

Renaissance, which is owned hy the Claridge group, yesterday informed the TASE that it gained control of 3.2% of the company's stock, increasing its share in the food giant to 24.2%. The shares **GALIT LIPKIS BECK**

were purchased for about NIS 60

Last week capital market analysts speculated the mysterious foreign investor was Swiss Nestle company, which reportedly pur-chased 4.9% of Osem's shares from Bank Discount Provident funds two weeks ago.
It is not clear whether the shares

were actually purchased hy Nestle, since under securities law an investor is obliged to report the

purchase of stock to the exchange only if more than 5% of any stock is acquired.

A capital market source said Claridge's decision to increase its holdings in Osem is mainly due to Nestie's purchase of shares in the company and the Swiss company's options to purchase 10% of Osem before June, when the options expire.

The source forecasted that. Claridge will try to continue to increase its share through the Renaissance Fund.

Int'l group proposes Russian-Israeli gas pipeline

Segev to consider \$2 billion plan

ENERGY Minister Gonen Segev will consider a \$2 hillion Russian-Israeli gas pipeline that has been proposed by an international consortium.

A consortium made up of local fuel importer Del-Men, Turkisb petroleum pipeline corporation BOTAS, Russian gas company Gazprom and TransCanada Pipelines met yesterday with Segev to present a schedule for construction of the proposed

pipeline.

The consortium is ready to begin negotiating the details in

The project, called Lasserre, would carry natural gas via exist-ing pipelines from gas fields on the Armenian/Georgian border to the northeastern corner of Turkey. A line would then be construct-

ed through central Turkey to link up with existing pipes leading to Ankara and southwards to Iskenderun. From southern Turkey, the

pipeline woold run underwater for 480 kilometers at depths of up to 1,800 meters outside the terri-Lebanon and would enter Israel at three points - the electric power plants at Haifa, Tel Aviv

RACHEL NEIMAN

and Ashdod.

Consortium representatives also met with the Israel Electric Corporation's natural gas division yesterday evening.
TransCanada senior VP Jake Epp said the pipeline could be completed by the end of 1999.

Gazprom is the world's largest producer of natural gas, supplying 40 percent of Europe's natur-

al gas.

During the breakup of the continued sup-USSR, Gazprom confinued supplying its customers without interruption - proofof the company's stability and reliability as a partner. Del-Men president Yosef Ram said.

TransCanada has been involved in several underseas pipeline projects, including the 1,600-km. long Gulf-South Asia project that transports gas from Qatar to Pakistan.

"Even if there was peace with Lebanon and Syria, it's still more cost effective to go underwater,'

Third partner BOTAS bolds purchase of natural gas and crude

As compared with the proposed for electricity production.

Egyptian pipeline currently under negotiation, Ram said all members of his consortium "could sign immediately without

complicated legislation."

The proposal, which took two years to formulate, projects initial imports of up to four or five hillion cubic meters of gas to Israel and 10 billion cubic meters to the Turkish market.

Market development is key, said Ram.

"We see the nations on either side of the underwater pipeline as potential markets," he said. "While Cyprus is small, Lebanon is a most attractive market [capahle of consuming] quantities no less than those of the Israeli mar-

He added that Jordan, Egypt and the Palestinian Authority were other potential customers. "Gas is not cheap," said Gazprom's bead of foreign eco-

the skies of Ankara," following

the widespread use of natural gas

nomic relations Nikolai Belyi, "but it will be competitive with other energy sources." He saw the heavy smog blan-keting Tel Aviv and added that "the Turkish ambassador told us

Gal: Chances slim of finishing bill before

IEC franchise ends A JOINT Knesset committee will try to finish the electricity bill before the Israel Electric

Corporation's franchise expires on March 5, but the chances of it. succeeding seem "slim," commit-tee chairman Gedalya Gal (Labor) said yesterday.
Gal said that if the bill could not

be finished by that date, the committee would temporarily extend the IEC's franchise for nine months or so. However, he agreed to try to prevent that outcome after IEC representatives said it would be a disaster for the company. IEC managing director Rafi

MKs ask Ben-Yair to probe

Peled said the company is already finding it difficult to raise capital because of the uncertainty over its future. Similarly, he said, the company's board has already started to lefuse permission for long term projects, since these projects-might not be profueble under the terms of the new fram-

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Provident funds reform bill passes first reading: A major bill aimed at reforming the management of provident funds barely elicited a yawn in the Knesset yesterday, passing its first reading by a vote of 4-1. Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, who touted the bill as one.

of the five most important pieces of economic legislation introduced by this government, did not even bother to stay for the vote.

The hill is meant to prevent conflicts of interest created by the fact that provident funds are generally run by banks, which have a clear interest in having the funds invest in their case stacks. The first contents in having the funds invest in their case stacks.

interest in having the funds invest in their own stocks. The bill states

that a majority of the fund's board of directors must be from the pub-

lic rather than the bank, and all those who sit on the fund's investment committee must be from the public. It also gives the fund man-

ager the status of a trustee, who is ohligated to act exclusively in the fund members' interests, and imposes both civil and criminal penalties for any violations of the law's provisions.

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Hapoalim, Lemmi provident funds achieve positive real yields: Bank Hapoalim and Bank Lemmi provident funds achieved positive real yields in January, while Bank Discount's funds reported nega-

Bank Hapoalim's Gadish fund, the largest fund in the country, achieved a real yield of 0.14 percent last month. The fund manages

assets of NIS 13.3 billion. Bank Leumi's Otzma fund, the third largest fund in the country, reported a real yield of 0.15%. The fund manages assets of NIS 10m. The bank's other funds also achieved

In contrast, Bank Discount's Tamar, which manages assets of NIS 11b., achieved a negative real yield of 0.14% in January. Among the

smaller funds, United Mizrahi Bank's Arid fund had a nominal yield of 1.2% last month, similar to the rise in the Consumer Price Index. First International Bank's Meitav fund achieved a real positive yield of 0.3%.

Galit Lipkis Beck

Galilee Herbal Remedie (GHR), which is owned by Kibbutz Kfar Hanassi, has signed a three-year contract to supply Migralead, its migraine product, to the US-based Solaray. According to the commant, the company will supply \$500,000 worth of Migraleaf annually. The

agreement also includes the supply of four tons of Feverfew per year.

Solaray plans to use the raw material in their new migraine product, which will be distributed throughout the US.

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If this state of uncertainty is extended for nine months, he said, the company could do little but take care of current production needs, with disastrous consequences for the country's future electricity needs.



Foreign tourism to Eilat static despite rise in hotel rooms

THE number of foreign tourists coming to Eilat during the last three months of 1995 remained almost static compared with 1994, although the number of hotel rooms increased by more than 10 percent.

According to figures released yesterday hy the Eilat Hotel Association, there were 62,747 foreign guests there during October, November and December 1995, compared to 62,717 during the same months of 1994. However, HAIM SHAPIRO

the number of hotel rooms rose from about 5,000 to about 5,700. Hotel sources said the reason for what is in effect a slump in tourism is that German tour organizers have largely abandoned Eilat.

The German tourists are said to be unhappy with the confinuing construction throughout the town. Meanwhile, despite the fact that the number of foreign visitors did not rise, the number of foreign charter flights during the threemonth period went up from 258 in 1994 to 299 in 1995, a rise of 18 %.

At the same time, El Al had 67 direct flights during the October through December period, com-pared to 73 sucb flights in the corresponding months of 1994, while El Al's connecting flights rose from seven in 1994 to 103 in 1995.

In a related development, a Dutch charter company has agreed to con-tinue two charter flights a week to Eilat throughout the summer.

bank overcharging of customers THE Knesset's social lobby yesterday asked Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair to do a thor-

ough examination of bank over-

charging of both the kihbutzim

and other groups, such as mortgage-holders. The request was prompted by a report by Prof. Uriel Procaccia, which said the hanks had overcharged the kibhutzim suhstan-

tially on their loans. MK Shaul Amor (Likud), who

heads the social lobby, said it was very important that whatev-

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er solution is found for the kihbutzim apply to the general population as well.

"It is inconceivable that there should be discrimination among different sectors," he said. Religious Affairs Minister

Shimon Shetreet, who met with the group, said he has sent a letter to supervisor of banks Ze'ev Abeles detailing 74 techniques the banks use to overcharge clients, and demanded that Abeles put a stop to these techniques

Ultimately, however, legisla-tion might be necessary, since Abeles has traditionally seen his role as protecting the banks rather than the customers, he

This affair touches on all bank customers," Shetreet stressed, agreeing with Amor that there

should be a thorough investiga-tion of all bank debts, and not just those of the kibbutzim,

Sbetreet said he did not think an investigation into the affair should hold up the kibbutz debt arrangement, however. Though this agreement includes a promise by the kihhutzim to waive any claims against the banks, no court would upbold this clause if it later turned out that the agreement had been based on false information, he

Dan Tichion (Likud) said it was very important to resolve the matter quickly, because the reports of persistent bank overcharging are liable to cause people to lose faith in the banking system, which in turn could cause a run on the banks.

"It seems to me that the earthquake is growing," he said. "It's like a fire in a dry field."

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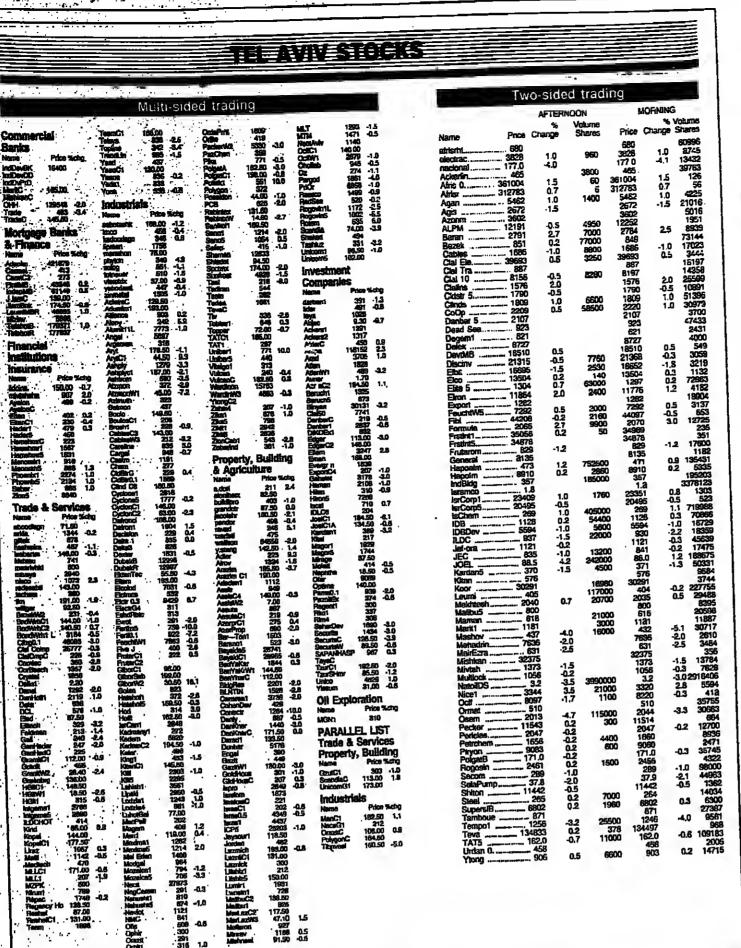
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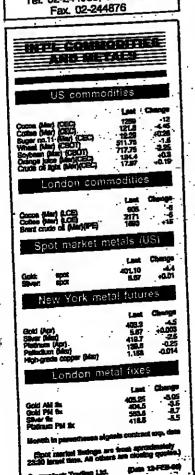


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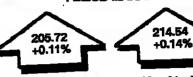
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Indexes static as traders wait for CPI

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Two-Sided index

INDEXES closed little chaoged yesterday after falling for two days, as investors waited for January inflatioo figures, due oo Thursday.

"Everyone's waiting for the Consumer Price Index," said Dan Zacharie, a broker with Capital Future Markets, the Tel Aviv investment firm.

Fnrecasts for January's increase in consumer prices have ranged from 0.7 percent in 1.3%, reflecting a mixed outlook oo inflation.

If the CPI is high, said Zacharie, analysis are expecting an 'If it iocreases more than

0.7%, there will probably be a rate hike," he said. The Bank of Israel last raised

rate at which it lends to banks went up to 14%, from 13.7%. The Maof Index rose 0.14%, to 214.54 and the Two-Sided Index went up 0.11% to 205.72. Of 998 issues tradiog across the ex-

change, more than three shares fell for every two that rose. Some NIS 86.6 million worth of shares traded, NIS 5m. below Suoday's level and about NIS 5m. below this mooth's trad-

Osem fell 4.75% after "a hidding war" seemed to cool, said

News reports had speculated. that Swiss coocern Nestle was buying shares in Osem. Officials at Nestle, which holds an option to buy 10% of Osem's common stock, refused to comment; the

Maof index

option expires in July. The Rcoaissance Fuod, connected in the Claridge investment firm, announced that it had purchased 3.2% nf Osem on Febru-

food company up to 24%. "The market incorrectly believes that Nestle isn't interested in buying more of Osem," said David Roseoberg, bead of research at the Herzliya investment firm Pacific Mediterranean.

"Nestle has shown it wants to own more than 10%," said Rosenberg. "You have to assume they'll be back in the market."

ary 5, hringing its stake in the

Prime Minister Shimon Peres's call Sunday night for early elections had no impact on trading, as it was expected, aaid Zacharic. Zacharie said that investors were coocerned about the conotry's wideoing trade deficit and a wcakeoing dollar. Israel Radin reported a \$1.05 hillion trade deficit in January.

Koor, the most active share on the exchange, closed unchanged, as NIS 6.3m. worth of shares changed hands.

Declining shares on the Maof Index included Clai (Israel) Ltd., which fell 0.5%; IDB Development Corp., which dccrcascd 1%; Discount Investment Corp., which fell 0.5%, and Elbit, which went down 1.5%.

Gaining shares included Maof lodex-listed Baok Hapoalim, which rose 1.25%. The bank rose after falling 10.5% from January 30 through Sunday, losses that are seen as exaggerated, said Za-

FTSE Index closes 10.3 points higher

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - UK hlue chips overcame early jitters over domestic political worries, ending modestly higher yesterday after a boost from weaker-than-expected January prodocer price data and another sharp rise on Wall Street

The FTSE Index closed up 10.3

at 3,726.6. FRANKFURT - Germao shares closed hourse trade off session highs, as weaker Bunds cootinue to weigh on market. Dealers say investor activity limited by fall-off in debt, but cite sclective technically-driven

trades on individual stocks. The 30-sbare DAX Iodex closed op 16.12 poiots at 2,425.05. In post-bourse trade trade year, led down by a gold the index fell 6.48 to 2,428.59.

levels as bund market weakness takes shine off stock prices. The CAC-40 index closed up

7.02 points at 1,967.67. ZURICH - Swiss shares closed slightly firmer but off the day's

highs following a recovery in federal bond futures.

Weak futures in the morning

half of the session had pressured the market. Volumes were low as

investors continued to the sidelines, dealers said. However, the near-term outlook was judged to be positive. The all-share SPI put oo 4.33

points to 2,125.58. TOKYO - The Tokyo stock market was closed for a public

holiday. The market will re-open HONG KONG - Hong Kong

stocks closed a day of sleepy trading moderately lower yesterday, subdued by the approach of next week's Chinese New Year holi-day. The key Hang Seng Index coded 53.69 poiots lower at 11,256.59.

SYDNEY - The Australian , share market ended lower in slow sector that weakened with the PARIS - French shares ended price of the precious metal. The in positive territory but off best All Ordinaries Index closed 8.5 points lower at 2,263.3.

JOHANNESBURG - Sontb African shares ended a relatively busy day weaker across the board as bullion's weakness and octvous sentiment drove most of the sector indexes lower. The allshare index lost 73.6 points to 6,800.1, industriala were down 39.9 to 8,445.4 and the gold index shed 79.7 points to 1,725.8.

Dow breaks 5,600, a record WALL STREET REPORT

Dow Jones industrial average set a record for the sixth session in a rnw yesterday, closiog above 5,600 points for the first time in an amazing display of bullishness

by investors. Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones index closed

NEW YORK (Reuter) - The up 58.53 poiots at 5,600.15, eclipsing last Friday's record of

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ISRAEL completed a gutsy victory over Norway in the David Cup Euro/African Zone group I tie at Ramai Hasharon yesterday.

The drawn-out encounter, which had spilled over to yesterday because of Sunday's rainy conditions at Ramat Hasharon, saw Israel's Eyal Erlich bring a very long day of tennis to a satisfactory conclusion for the home team in a four-set win over Norway's Helge Koll 6-4, 1-6, 6-4, 7-6(7/4).

Earlier yesterday. Norway's top player, Christian Ruud, bear his Israeli opponent Eyal Ran, 7-5, 6-7(5/7), 6-7(4/7), 6-3, 6-1 in one of the longest-ever Davis Cup matches ever played in Israel.

The match began on Sunday with Ruud leading 5-4 when rain halted proceedings for the day. Play resumed yesterday at 11:15 a.m. and the aggregate time of the match was four hours. 25 minutes. Mostly it was a boring baseline encounter played at Ruud's pace. However, at times Ran interjected with some exciting initiatives of his own. These were not frequent enough to rattle Ruud and he continued to plug away from behind the baseline until the Israeli was 100 tired 10 keep up the relentless

groundstroke game. The win sees Israel host Spain in a the World Group promotion playoff tie here in April, while Norway will bave to play an away tie against either Croatia or Ukraine in order to stay in Euro/African Group 1.

Although the tennis throughout yesterday was far from inspiring, the 150-odd fans who came out to support Israel's players, witnessed the type of tennis which is so typ-ical of these encounters, with the advantage swinging from side to

Ran, full of grit and determination almost got the better of Ruud, but midway through the fourth set, when the match was 37 games old and Ran had broken for 2-0, the Israeli began to fade away as his strength was sapped. Ruud moved up a gear and rattled off that set to send the match to a

Ran was completely overpowered by Ruud and won only two points in four games before eventually crashing completely and winning only one more game in

With all the pressure now on the young and inexperienced shoulders of Erlich, 21, the situation looked precarious for Israel.

His opponent, Koll, is not a player of any great standing, hut Erlich still had to contend with winning the crucial rubber under

He began well, breaking Koll and racing to a 3-0 lead. It didn't help bim, however, for despite the excellent serving and good vol-leying, Erlich allowed Koll to get a foothold on the match and he hroke back to lead 4-3. It was only

Paes beat Siemerink 7-6(7-2) 2-6 7-6(7-3) 7-6(7-5) Bhuphathi beat Eltingh 7-6(7-4) 4-6 7-5 2-1, match captain Shlomo

Glickstein's forceful encouragement that Erlich kept in the set. He faltered in the second, as Koll raced through to win that one 6-1, but regained his composure to clinch the third in a carbon copy of the first set.

The final set went all the way to the wire and vociferous support from the small crowd kept the Israeli ahead, as be clinched the tie for Israel 7-4 in the tie break to complete a marathon eight hours of tennis and a famous victory for the new, young team.

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PIECE OF CAKE – MK Micha Goldman and National swimmers Yoav Bruck and Mickey Halika share a warm moment yesterday.

National swimmers make triumphant return

ONLY the red carpet was missing from the heroes' welcome that awaited the national swimming team at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday on their return from the

World Cup competition in Europe.
Deputy Minister of Education and Sport Micha Goldman and officials from the Israel Olympic Committee and Swimming Association greeted the nine swimmers and showered them with presents and accolades.

Micha Goldman expressed his gratitude to the swimmers. "After a period of dry years and no team success, we now bave an excellent swim team who bave brought bonor to their country, their team and themselves. The next test is

The swimmers, led by Yoav Bruck's stunning eight medals **HEATHER CHAIT**

and ten national records in just two weeks, were overwhelmed by the press thronging around them.
"I'm very surprised by this welcome," said Bruck, "but I'm not surprised by the results. My concentration was good and I knew I could do it."

Trying to curb the hysteria, Bruck said, "We must not take this success out of proportion this year is Atlanta. I can still improve a lot," he said, clasping his girlfriend's hand, who added,

Bruck drew cheers when he called for the inclusion of 17year-old Mickey Halika, wbo knocked over four seconds off the record in the 400 meters individnal medley, in the Olympic squad.

FOURTH-STRING guard Josh Oppenheimer of Maccabi Tel

Aviv probably never dreamed

he'd get into last night's important

But thanks to an absolutely

abysmal second half by Herzliya

showdown with Bnei Herzliya.

Halika was visibly moved affected by the attention shown. him. "This is my first time in the media spotlight and I hope it will strengthen me to further success." Halika singled out the team coaches, Leonid Kaufman and Leonid Schochat, as "among the

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best in Europe, if not the world." New immigrant from the US, Dan Kutler, who broke the 100m hutterfly record, was optimistic about the relay team's chances in

"I'm now nearly one second faster than I was last year and I am where I want to be now to win a medal in summer," he said matterof-factly, continuing, "As of now, the team can reach the final but we will naturally improve and have a much better shot at a medal in six months time."

Boxer suspended for testing HIV-positive

TULSA (AP) - Heavyweight Tommy Morrison. who hoped to be fighting for a multimillion dollar purse against Mike Tyson by year's end, lested positive for the virus that causes AIDS, his promoter confirmed yesterday,

Tony Holden said Morrison learned of the positive test results Friday night, one night before his scheduled bout against Arthur Weathers in Las Vegas. Nevada suspended Morrison hours before

the fight but boxing officials would not say why he had been suspended. Holden said Morrison was undergoing further tests today to confirm the results, "I understand that there are several people

concerned about me. I am fine," Morrison, 27, said in a statement read by Holden. "I feel it would be selfish to ask you to say a prayer

Morrison had cited religious reasons when be initially refused to take a test for the virus in the days before his fight. He left a doctor's office but returned the next day to submit a

blood sample Holden said they expect the results of the latest tests within 48 hours.

The promoter said only one test was given in Las Vegas and that Morrison failed the test, which was checked twice. He said there had been no previous signs that Morrison was ill.

Morrison's trainer, Tom Virgets, said he told the fighter the news of his suspension about 4 pm Saturday in the crowded casino at the MGM Grand hotel.

Morrison was 10 have received \$50,000 to fight Weathers, the first step in a package of fights under promoter Don King that was to have led to a possible \$4 million payday against Tyson later this year.

Eurosport scores a 9.9 in winter sports coverage

Mac. TA romps to easy win over Bnei Herzliya

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OUR fear of heights and inability to ski are the best reasons we can think of for our love of ski jump ing. Thanks to Eurosport, we got more than our fill this week. For all its quirks, Eurosport

does an outstanding job covering winter sports. Between this week's coverage of live slalom, hiathlon and what is now called "ski flying" events, there was more snow on the screen than during the still too frequent cable reception breakdowns.

Things have changed since the last time we caught the ski jump events in one of the Winter Olympics - new events have been added, chiefly the aforementioned ski flying, where competitors don't even use poles, instead flying off a huge ramp specially constructed for the sport.

Television coverage of the sport has grown right along with it, with slow motion shots from cameras mounted throughout the descent route providing unbelievable post-jump footage definitely not for those who are afraid to fly: '! Announcer David Goldstrom

did a good job of building the excitement, and competitor Randy Weber's analysis of each jump was also right on the money. As for the camera angles, nothing beats the shot taken from the very hottom of the descent run just before lift-off, with viewers catching the jumpers coming right at them at a speed of upwards of 65 miles per hour.

Eurosport may still feature too many silly sports, like tractor 10wing, but its coverage of winter sports makes it well worth having on the dial in the winter

SPEAKING of those silly Eurosport shows, we have found a use for one of them; anyone with young children aged 4-8 who love playing with toy trucks should

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make sure to tape the channel's coverage of the Europa Truck Trials, in which very large men drive very large vehicles through very small spaces.

Still, the little tykes should really enjoy watching the footage of these huge caterpillar-like vehicles flopping over as they try to inch their way down some bellish courses that would make even an Egged bus driver cry. However, make sure your 17-year-old who just got a license is out of the room when it's on, or your kid may be off to Europe in search of a caterpillar of their own before

A cursory check indicated there were about three "I Love This Game" promos for the league for each 5-10 minute section of actual reports, which is far too many

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well done, especially those featuraing classical music that is uncannily in beat with the action, but they tend to just blend in with the rest of the highlight show, detracting from it. The fawning feature on Detroit's Grant Hill - the gulet "good guy" the league is trying hard to push as a fan favorite also had "NBA-produced" all over it.

What we need is an independently produced review of the week in the NBA that bas some teeth in it - something like the fine "This Week in the NBA" produced by CNN, and which a recent promo promised would be back on Sunday nights. However, a check of the CNN schedule in Pnai Plus failed to turn up any mention of iL Here's hoping it returns quickly, so our local NBA diet includes something more filling than the NBA fluff produced by David Stern & Co.

Maccabi's heroics, Oppenheim got to be part of his. club's 95-81 rout of the defending State Cup champs. The victory allowed Maccabi (13-1) to keep pace with Hapoel Jerusalem in the race for the National Basketball League top spot, though Jerusalem is still first by virtue of its victory over Maccabi earlier this season.

For Herzliya (9-5), its first bome loss of the season dropped the team to a tie for fourth place. but the manner in which the club folded has to have Katzurin wondering whether his team really bas the stuff to make the Final Four. Surprisingly, the shoe was on

the other foot at the beginning of the game, with Herzliya rolling to a 32-19 lead with just over five. minutes to play in the first half... behind the outstanding play of Lior Arditi. Koren Amisha also was rolling

in the early going, and with Tom Chambers on the sidelines after suffering a foot injury, things looked had for coach Zvi Scherf's club, which had seven first-half turnovers. Maccabi deftly However.

exploited Herzliya's zone defense, hitting three three-pointers in a row - two by Brad Leaf - to climb back into the contest. As Herzliya's previously deadly transition game sputtered, Maccabi turned it on behind Leaf and Oded. Katash, whose 7-7 foul shooting in the first half helped spark his club's 20-7 spent to pull it within. 42-41 at halftime.

Katzurin chose to go with David

Thirdkill as point guard in the sec-ond half, but that idea also failed. While Opher Fleischer kept Herzliya in the game for a bit. Maccabi center Radisav Curcic soon got the best of him, while Naday Henefeld stepped up his offensive production. When Doron Jamchi uncharacteristically grabbed an offensive rebound and scored while drawing a foul to give his team a 63-59 lead, it was clear Maccabi, even without Chambers, would not be denied the important road victory. Led by Curcic, Maccabi simply flattened Herzliya with a 14-3 sport, and when Katash nailed a three-pointer with just under five minutes left to make it 84-69, all the fight had

Chambers failed to score in the brief period of time he played in the first balf. For Herzliya, Arthiti had 22, but several of his baskets came during "garbage time." Amir Katz was held to just 16 as Herzliya's outside game never got untracked, while John Hudson and Fleischer added 13 each, and Thirdkili managed just nine

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We came across the program while channel surfing, and immediately wanted more. The best part was a series of shots of huge sixteen-wheelers trying to clamber down what looked like a snake pit, as Strauss music played in the background. "Can't help but think that somehow Strauss would bave approved of the strength, the elemental hrute force, the grace and the beauty of the trucks themselves." deadpanned the Eurosport announcer. Perhaps, but we're sure he also would have asked the question that comes to mind while watching such "competition" - why?

the show's even half over.

THE snow during the ski-jumping reminded us of the snow job viewers are getting during the "NBA Inside Action," which we caught on Middle East TV Sunday night, but which is also broadcast on Sports Channel Saturdays at

Europe to UEFA: Give us time

WINDSOR (Reuter) - Europe's leading soccer nations agreed yesterday to ask UEFA to allow them a transition period to implement the Bosman ruling on trans-

The countries also agreed to seek the help of their national governments in lobbying for soccer to be given exemption from some of the changes being brought in by the European Union

(EU).

Representatives from Germany, France, Scotland, Netherlands, Austria, Belgium and Portugal joined hosts England and observers from Italy and Spain at the meeting.

They were anxious about the implications of last December's European Court of Justice ruling which, in a case brought by Belgian player Jean-Marc Bosman, outlawed fees within the EU for international transfers of out-of-contract players and banned nationality restrictions in domestic and international club competitions.

The 10 nations will report to UEFA on their discussions at a meeting in London next Sunday. Many smaller clubs fear they could face financial problems if

national leagues follow the Dutch

example and move to scrap their domestic transfer systems.

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gone out of Herzliya.

Maccabi's fine team effort was reflected in the statistics, with Katash leading the club with 21 points and eight assists, followed by Curcic with 18, Henefeld with 17, Jamchi with 16 and Leaf with

NBA individual leaders (through February 8)

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10:30 Local Hero (1983) — a bored Texas millionaire sends one of his young executives to buy a village in Ireland, where he hopes to find oil. The young executive is surprised by the attitude of the villagers. (106 mins.) 12:25 The General (1926) — classic Buster Keston comedy 13:40 What's New at the Movies 13:50 Einel Angoel (1993) [vii 15:30 Tean

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sports stadium crammed with Superbowi spectators – among whom is the US president. Starting Robert Shaw, Bruce Dem end Marthe Keller. (137 mlns.) 1:00 Judgment Day: John List Story (1993) – psychological suspense thriler besed on the true story of psychopathic killer John List 2:35 Captive (1991) – a drasm come true

Captive (1991) — a dream come true for a young couple evolves into a bru-tal nightmare when two wanted fugi-

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ghost. With Jennifer Jones and

Joseph Cotton (85 mins.) 23:30 Boy Meets Girl (1984) - French drama about a young man, who having bro-ken a relationship with one young

woman.goes in search of another who has left her own lover (99 mins.)

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RADIO

WOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Pergolesi: Stabat Mater (Kings Consort); Haydn: String quartet in C op 84/1 (Festelics Ct); Mozart: Symphony no 29; Beethoven: Piano sonata no 16 in G op 31/1 (R. Good); Brahms: String quartet in C minor op 51/1 (Emerson Ct); Mahler: 5 Songs from Rückert (De Gaetani/Eastman Chamber Ens/Effron) 12:00 Light Classical — excerpts from chamber works by Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert and Dyorak 13:00 Planist Maria Joao Pires - Mozart: Piano concerto no 20 (Lausanne CO/Jordan); Schumann: works for oboe and piano with Douglas Boyd, 3 Romances op 94, Fantasiestücke op 73 14:06 Encore 15:00 From the 73 14:06 Encore 15:00 From the Recording Studio – Gabnelle Bokovsky (oboe), Naomi Lev (piano). Bach: Sonata for oboe and piano BWV527 [after Sonata in D minor for organ]; Saint-Saens: Sonata for oboe and pieno op 166; Lutoslawski: Estate hier phos and piano Poullens. and pieno op 100; Lutosiawski.
Epitaph for oboe and piano; Poulenci:
Sonata for oboe and piano; Chopin:
Fantasy in F minor for piano op 49
16:00 My Concert 18:00 New CDs –
Grieg: Sonata in A minor for cello and piano op 46; Liszt: Pieces for cello piano op 46; Liszt: Pieces to ceio and piano 16:55 Centenary of Bruckner's death - Bruckner: Symphony no 9 (BBC SO/Horenstein 20:30 From Our Concert Halls - live broadcast from Binyenel Ha'uma, Jerusalem, St Petersburg Symphony Orch, cond. Lorin Maazel - An Ben-Shabtai: "Magrefa" (world premiere); Mendelssohn: Symphony no 4 "Italian"; Sibelius: Symphony no 2 23:00A Musical Journey

4:30, 7, 9:30 * Show Girls 4:30, 7, 9:30

STAR Sudden Death 7:15, 9:45 (Tue.

also 5) * White Man's Burden 7:15, 9:45 * The Usual Suspects 7:15, 9:45 *

TELEVISION **ECHANNEL 1**

6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel **EDUCATIONAL TV**

8:00 Moses in the Jewish Tradition 8:30 Literature 8:55 Arithmetic 9:25 Young children's programs 10:00
Family relations 10:30 Literature
11:00 French 11:10 Math 11:20
Science 11:35 English 11:50 Open
Studio: Dress 12:20 Science and technology 12:45 Geography 13:00 James Galway Hosts 13:30 Stories From the Garbage Heap 14:00 A

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15:30 Winnie the Pooh - cartoon 15:55 Boot Street Band - BBC school comedy 15:20 Youth Court 17:00 A New Evening 17:35 Hzi Zap with animale and pets 18:15 News in English ARABIC PROGRAMS

Thousand and One Americas 14:25 Cartoons 15:00 Current affairs

18:30 Apropos 19:00 News HEBREW PROGRAMS 19:30 Every Evening with Merav Michaell 20:00 Mahat News 20:50 Live Lotto draw 20:55 Sitton – Israeli drama series 21:25 Referendum with Meni Pe'er 22:35 Roughnecks 23:30 News 00:00 Verse of the Day

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13:00 Ernest Green Story - Walt Disney film 14:00 Open Cards - young people's talk show 15:00 The Little Mermaid 15:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshef 17:30 First Love –
romantic game show for youngsters
18:00 Ruby – talk show 19:00 Lingo
– TV game show 19:30 Comedy Store 20:00 News 20:30 Ramat Aviv Girmel – soap opera 21:15 Fact – Ilana Dayan's investigative program 22:00 Gov Night – comedy 23:05 The X-Files – suspense series 00:00 News 00:05 Night Encounters -interview show with Kobi Medan 00:35 Anna Lee 02:25 Nurses 02:50 Poem of the Day

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

Linda Fiorentino and Chazz Palminteri play a pair of socialites in the thriller 'Jade.'

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

ZANY phony-Romans will have you rolling in the aisles in the Cameri Theater production of Steven Sondheim's A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum. Director Micki Gurevitch and translator Dan Almagor have turned the Gelbart/Shevelove libretto into h'ever-so 'ighclass Ebrew, which is gloriously mangled by Avi Kushnir as the wily Pseudolous, Tikki Dayan as matriarch Domina, Avi Termin as Lycus the Pimp

and Yoram Hattab as Hysterium. On the Cameri mainstage tonight et 8:30. (Hebrew with simultaneous translation into English)

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AIZENSTADT

IT is out often that the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra gets a chance to host first-rate visiting orchestras: But tonight, Lorin Maazel leads his own 100-year-old Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra in Ari Ben-Shabtai's Magrephah, as well as Mendelssohn's fourth and Sibelius's second symphonies. At the Jerusalem International Convention Center (8:30). Maazel and his orchestra also perform tomorrow at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv (8:30) presenting a different program: Morton Gould's Clussical Variations, Beethoveo's third symphooy and the Sibelius violin concerto with Julian Rachlin as soloist

from Spain.

DANCE

MICHAEL AIZENSTADT

ISRAELI flamenco dancer Sharon Sagi, who

resides and performs in Spain, presents Fiesta

Flamenco tonight (9) at the Rebecca Crown

Auditorium in Jerusalem, joined by flutist Gilad

Manor, guitarist Jose Cortez and other musicians

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** JADE - Joe Eszterhas's scripts for thrillers like Jagged Edge, Basic Instinct and now Jode all rely on gratuitously sadomasochistic situations. improbable plot twists, simplistic psychology, purple dialogue and ludicrous endings. They're also great fun to watch. The screenwriter has a knack for engaging us, despite the complete absurdity and, some might say, pornographic self-indulgence of his pet formulas. (Or maybe it's more accurate to say he engages us because of these indulgen methods.) This time around, the crime that needs solving involves the harcheting-to-death of a millionaire San Francisco art collector. David Caruso, Linda Fiorentino and Chazz Palminteri star, and William Friedken directs, in a style that's classier and more muted than that of others who've executed Eszterhas's pulpish outlines in the past. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 oot admitted without an adult, ID will be checked.)



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

24 He sits sprawling, causing contention (6)

25 A heavenly place is featured in display (8)

26 Some scores ignominiously

withdraw (6)
27 Torn about always

appearing deferential (8)

- ACROSS 1 Concessions can include
- room for craft (8) 5 Waete time-but only a
- little (6) 9 No dealer wrongly names a

plant (8)

- 10 Charm a Greek character and suffer for it (6)
- '11 A deep mount? (8) 12 Full many a flower is born
- to blush --- "Gray (Elegy)
- 14 Expect the French here to fill in worker and head (10)
- 18 Unhappy drillers at variance (3-7)
 22 It's so cold at the top one
- hundred step back (6)
- 23 They incorrectly assume money-lenders hold cash
 (8)

- 1 Soak getting around soft wife (6)
- 2 Rings, as near collapse (6) 3 With money over, a fellow goes to town! (6)

DOWN.

4 Left surrounded by rustics, make some quip (10)

21 Article poeted—note enclosed will give a lift (6)

SOLUTIONS

6 Sentimental jerk in the

75-read novel in the

8 No longer protected, being widespread (8)

13 A spice-free ragout for those avoiding the intensely hot (4-6)

15 Threatening, and that'e

17 Give voice about the

19 Fancy duck aren't properly

20 Scout in camp under ideal

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Eternal City? (8)

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16 Stupid—unlike crossword solver! (8)

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23 Reveal (7) 25 Agree (7) 26 Weary (5)

QUICK CROSSWORD DOWN

ACROSS 1 Mediterranean country (6) 4 Pigment (5) 8 English poet (5) 9 Haven (7) 10 Builder (7) 11 Second-hand (4) 12 Jan (3) 14 Cease (4)

27 Big (5)

27 Big (5) 28 Hold fast (6)

15 Atrocious (4)

2 Heartfelt (7) 3 War-memorial (8) 4 Portion (4) 5 Presses (5) 6 Diatribe (6) 7 Map (5) 13 Trained (8) 18 Cured meat (3) 21 Competent (4)

16 Daydream (7) 17 Rescind (6) 19 Civilian dress (5) 20 Baby's bed (6) 22 Solitary person (5) 24 Lake (4)

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'Yediot' editors indicted

RAINE MARCUS

YEDIOT Aharonot editor Moshe Vardi and former news editor Ruth Ben-Ari were indicted yesterday by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court oo three charges of commissioning and

use of wiretapping.

Ben-Ari took leave from her post last week, following a three-year term, and will take ou aoother position at the

A trial date has not yet been set. Court president Judge Dan Arbel is expected to decide shortly who will preside over what promises to be a loog trial.

According to the charge sheet. Ben-Ari and Vardi met with private investigators Amir Ben-Asher and Ya'acov Bak at the eod of 1992 at Ben-Ari's Ramat Gan home to discuss commissioning the wiretapping of two home phooes of former Yediot editor-io-chief Dov Yudkovsky, after the latter moved to Ma'ariv. Bak and Beo-Asher asked fellow private iovestigator Rafi Friedao to install wiretapping equipment on Yudkovsky's phone lines.

Friedan is presently on trial for some 50 charges of wiretapping, allegedly on hehalf

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'Yediot Aharonot' editor Moshe Vardi arrives at National Serious Crimes Squad headquarters for questioning last (Hanoch Grizitsky/Israel Sun)

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Yudkovsky's home. Mizaki,

of Ma'ariv publisher Ofer Nimrodi. He first meotiooed Vardi and Ben-Ari's names in connection with the Yudkovsky hagging during ooe of his court hearings some 18 mooths

after serving a 27-month sentence for other wiretapping charges, is now on trial with Friedan in the media wiretapping case.

The second charge relates to an illegally recorded cellular phone conversation, taped at the end of 1992 or the beginning of 1993, between Nimrodi and Yediot publisher Noni Mozes. According to the indictment, the recording was passed on to Bak hy Friedan, then Vardi kept the cassette and both he and Ben-Ari listened to it.

Vardi and Beo-Ari are also charged with conspiring to tap the home and office phones of Yediot graphic artist Orit Lipshitz in 1992. They allegedly asked Bak and Beo-Asher to hug her phooes, hut the latter failed due to technical

Prosecutioo witnesses who will testify against the pair include Bak and Ben-Asher. Bak, a former IDF and police officer, is serving a term for coospiracy and attempted murder. Ben-Asher, a former IDF intelligence officer, is awaiting a verdict on the same charges. Friedan, Mizaki, and former Bezek technician Baruch Ruhiosteio will also testify against Vardi aod Beo-Ari.

Tabloid editors' indictment won't stop circulation war

BACKGROUND

RAINE MARCUS

YEDIOT Aharonot editor Moshe Vardi has continually denied all connection to wiretapping. Ma'ariv's publishers, say Yediot sources, were the real culprits who commissioned wiretapping on newspaper and business rivals.

Former Ma'ariv chief editor and publisher Ofer Nimrodi, awaiting trial on 15 charges of commissioning wiretapping and obstructing justice by paying hush mooey, resigned his post under pressure by the National Federation of Journalists. He is still the daily's chairman.

Nimrodi was charged in August aloog with Ma'ariv security officer David Ronen, but has oot yet filed a plea, because his lawyers claim they have not yet received all prosecutioo evidence. The case may take years.

Just prior to Nimrodi's indictment, federation's chairmao Sara Friedman threatened that if be did not resign she would call oo the country's journalists to strike. Her positioo has not changed regarding Vardi.

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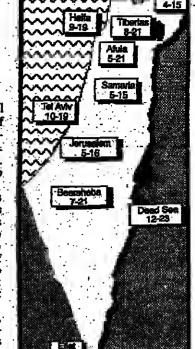
nalist indicted on criminal charges must suspend himself until the eod of criminal proceedings." she said this week. Vardi has said he will not resign. Tomorrow the federation is to decide on further action.

Although the three charges against Vardi are somewhat less than Nimrodi's 15, he still faces a dilemma which will only add to the long and bitter circulation war between the two dailies. If he resigns, it is oot known who will replace him. A replacement for Beo-Ari has still oot yet been appointed.

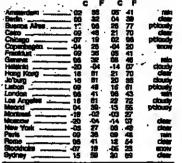
On Army Radio yesterday, Yediot diplomatic reporter Shimoo Shiffer (whose phooe was also tapped, aliegedly on Nimrodi's orders), spoke out in fa-vor of Vardi's decision not to resign. "The trial could take years," he said. "What happens if [Vardi] is found innocent, and in the meantime has resigned his

The war between the tabloids has oot yet ended. Reporting of the media wiretapping case has for the past two years been ten-dentious, and will continue to be. Last Friday, with the news of the impeoding indictments, Ma'ariv poblished a full-page spread (and front-page teaser)
"convicting" Vardi and BenAri. Yediot, for its part, gives
anything implicating Nimrodi extensive coverage.

Sara Friedmao, herself a Ma'ariv employee, proposed last year that the Itim news agency cover the case to put an end to the wars on the printed page.



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Unions to disrupt economy over gov't-Histadrut pension plan

MICHAL YUDELMAN

THE large labor unions are threatening to disrupt the economy as a prelude to an all-out strike, unless the government cancels its pension settlement, which they say violates workers' rights and gravely decreases their pensions.

On Thursday, air traffic at Ben-Gurion Airport will be seriously disrupted as El Al and Airports Authority workers hold protest meetings from 10 a.m. to noon. Some schools will open late, as secondary school teachers start work at 10 a.m. instead of 8.

Bezeq and civilian employees of the IDF are to join the sanctions next week by holding protest

meetings. The union beads of the Israel Aircraft Industries, El Al, Airports Authority, secondary teachers, Bezeq, TAAS, and IDF civiliao workers have set op a beadquarters to coordinate their campaign.

At a press conference yesterday, they claimed that Treasury regulations issued two years ago violate all the promises the Histadrut made not to damage the rights of pension fund members,

and seriously erode their pensions. IAI union head Haim Katz said the situation began with government-spread reports of horrendous actuary deficits accumulated. by the Histadrut's pension funds, which were intended to cause panic and prepare the way for the

Draconic new pension plan. In exchange for ensuring workers' pensions, thought to be in jeopardy due to the "actuary deficits," the government decided to cut the pension rights.

However, when the union heads had the pension funds' financial situation checked by independent experts, it transpired that the huge "deficit" was the result of calcula-

tions based on fictitions figures. In fact, the largest pension funds, Mivtahim and Makefet, which ensure two thirds of the country's workers, have no actuary deficit at

Pension adviser Dan Sprinczak said that in order to cover the deficit of the remaining third, the Finance Ministry decided to take money from the pension savings of . workers insured with the other funds. In addition, instead of counting the worker's last wage as the basis for pension, the Treasury decided the basis would be the average pay of the last three years, drastically reducing the worker's

pension. Moreover, added Katz, "The Treasury, while screaming bloody murder at the pension funds' socalled deficits, pays budgetary pension to tens of thousands of civil servants and government corporation employees directly from the state budget. Nobody ever dreamed of cutting their pensions, or saving the funds are empty, because there are no funds for

"We are not asking for charity. This is money deducted from our pay year after year until we are 65, and money which the employers put aside for us instead of adding it to our wages," Secondary School Teachers' Union head Shosh Oren said. "Let us grow old with dignity, with rights we have paid for in

Katz warned that, if necessary, Israeli workers would take to the streets and paralyze the entire country, as France's workers did in December, in their fight for pen-

sion rights. The Treasury said yesterday that the government-Histadrut pension agreement ensures all the members' rights.

Rafael workers burn tires, block highway over dismissals

DAVID RUDGE

ANGRY Rafael workers burned tires and blocked the main Acre-Haifa highway outside the giant armaments development authority plant yesterday in protest over the planned dismissal of 90

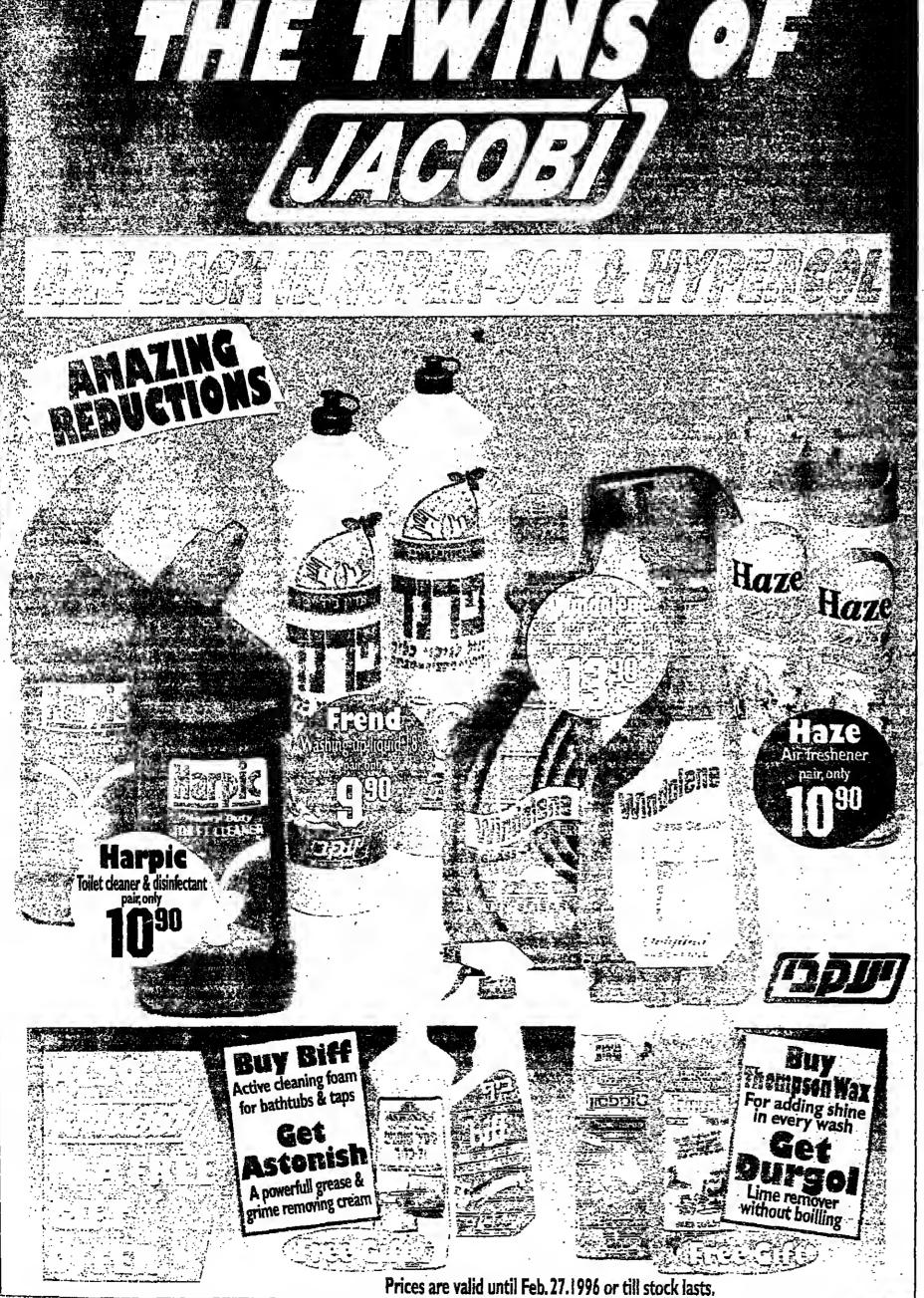
Police dispersed the demonstrators by force, after repeated requests to disband quietly were ignored. Eight of the protesters were arrested, seven of whom were still being questioned last night; although they were expected to be released.

The disturbances erupted after thousands of workers downed tools and walked to the factory gates, where 70 fired colleagues are staging a hunger strike. The strikers, who have pitched a tent near the entrance to the plant, are demanding that management cease dismissal procedures and return to negotiations.

The demonstration spilled over onto the main road, which the protesters blocked on and off for two hours, causing massive traffic jams, before police moved in.

Union leaders warned that their members were becoming increasingly hitter and said they would not be responsible for actions which the employees might stage on their own.

During a mass rally afterwards chanting protesters called for the resignation of Rafael managing director Yirzak Gat, whom they accused of intransigence and trying to split the works committees. Management, however, appears determined to continue dismissing 350 government employees, an action approved by the Civil Service Commission and the National Labor Court.



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